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ACTION FOUGHT BY BLIND MEN.

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NIGHT BATTLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

"LIKE CRYSTAL PALACE ON FIREWORK NIGHT!"

[The following graphic account of a mimic night action "fought" by the British Fleet in the Mediterranean was written for the "Daily Express" by Mr. H. V. Morton.]

"Wake me when the battle begins." "Very good, sir."

My Marine servant never employed the naval "Aye-aye, sir." Whether this was a personal peculiarity or a Marine tradition I never knew.

It was 11 p.m. I went on deck and saw the Fleet ploughing dark waters by the light of a half-moon. Destroyers chaperoned us on port and starboard; and we swung between them with a hiss of water like grey mammoths. Gun crews were sleeping at action stations. Miles away the enemy fleet was advancing in the same formation under the same queer little half-moon. A pretty night to play at death.

I went below and, dipping my head to clear the hammocked midshipmen strung up like sausages in a delicatessen store, gained my cabin.

Mystic Noises.

I plugged my ears to cut out the incidental noises of a battleship. A liner creaks and shakes. Her woodwork is always in protest. A battleship just plunges ahead with a steady purr of propellers. But instead of the creaking of woodwork you have awful metallic interruptions. Things bang, tick and clang. The tuned air makes a rushing sound day and night. Vast tinny voices megaphone themselves; belting orders to gun crews and boat crews, through loud speakers. And if the engines stop you can hear the tramp of the Marine sentry pacing through the lonely patches between the festooned midshipmen; a relic of the eighteenth century when officers had to be protected from the fury of their seamen.

I climbed into bed and read Mr. F. Hadfield Farthing's excellent new book on gardening—a strange book to read in a battleship—and (forgive me, Mr. Farthing) fell asleep.

Bang-bang-bang!
"Sir!"
"Who's that?"

The lights are on in my cabin. I see my servant with a gas mask swinging against his chest:

"Call to action stations, sir!" (And I was dreaming roses!)
"What time is it?"
"Three o'clock, sir."

I fling clothes on and go out to watch a night battle. The great ship has changed since I went to bed. It has been "darkened" for action.

General Quarters.

The normal stairways are shut. I climb through steel manholes like those used by sewage experts in pavements. I grope my way in pitch darkness to the deck. The moon has gone. The vast ship is washed in a faint green light of stars. It is cold. Ghostly groups stand all round anti-aircraft guns. The big grey gun turrets revolve with an oily soft motion and inside I can see crews crouched before luminous dials in the light of one ominous blue electric bulb. The thing is unreal. It is like some uncanny ghost story of the sea. I look over the starlit waters. The Fleet is steaming in pitch darkness. Ahead I can see the grey bulk of the flagship. Astern rises a thing like a grey cathedral with a thin spire: the shadow of our next in line. Away on our bows ride distant shapes, low in the water, moving stealthily like a darker part of the sea—our destroyers.

There is nothing more sinister, more full of fearful potentiality than a fleet darkened for action forgoing on with grim persistence into the night. What on earth would some innocent merchant ship think to find herself suddenly among these silent mountains! And the guns are never still! Their tremendous fingers hover round the sky, sink, rise again, and grope blindly for something, settling at last with deliberate, cold-blooded certainty on some part of the night.

On the Bridge.

"Come along . . . things are happening! Follow me!"

A muffled form dives at me from the shadow of a turret, and we go swaying doubtfully in the darkness. The ship, which seems so solid, is terribly alive. In steel turrets men are speaking down tubes, repeating orders, reading dials.

We come to darkened ladders. They lead to the bridge.

If you cannot endure suspense keep away from the bridge of a battleship in a night action! Here are the eyes and brains of 47,000,000 worth of steel. All the nerves of the ship are gathered in this high platform. One word from this spot and nine tons of death can be flung at the horizon. One word, and the mammoth can slow down or leap ahead.

The few men on the bridge, and on the still higher foretop, are the only men who see anything of a naval battle. Perhaps there are

thirty. Below decks and in steel turrets over thirteen hundred men work in blind obedience. All they know of action is a voice on the telephone, a call down a speaking tube, the flicker of an arrow over a dial. The men locked up in the steel gun-turrets load their ton shells into the gigantic steel mouths—but they do not fire them!

They make an electric signal that their guns are loaded, and the guns are fired from a remote spot. The gunners do not know whether they have hit or missed! All they know is that they must train their guns at a certain angle, load them, and report. Below the water-line the torpedo crews stand in the same mathematical obedience.

A Naval Centre.

But the bridge is a nerve centre. Messengers come and go. Men speak in jerky, unfinished sentences as they peer out through night glasses. Eerie voices come up from the depths in speaking tubes. And all round in the darkness queer instruments which seem to have a life of their own tick monotonously. Moon-like luminous compasses goggle and grin.

"Destroyer action ahead, sir."

On the extreme edge of the sea is a glow of light and a star shell.

The muffled forms on the bridge watch intently.

"Cruisers in action on the port bow!"

The same glow and more fireworks. Then the voice of a midshipman, a treble public school voice very urgent and important from the darkness:

"Suspicious object on our star-board bow, sir!"

I gaze out but can see nothing. No one pays any attention! Then the public school voice again, even more urgently:

"Suspicious object on our star-board bow, sir!"

No answer. I can see nothing but the smooth motion of the sea, but I wish some one would verify the midshipman! After all, young eyes, you know! His voice, again, this time tense with excitement:

"There They Are!"

"Suspicious object on our star-board bow, sir!"

The dark senior forms against the stars at last pay attention: "Who is that idiot?" growls one. "Suspicious object be damned!" growls another. "It's one of our own destroyers!"

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Diary of Coming Events.

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(May 14.)

Garrison Rifle Meeting, Kowloon
City Range, 9.45 a.m.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.
(in Voluntary Liquidation) Extra-
ordinary general meeting, Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Board Room, noon.

Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15
p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "No other
Woman."

World Theatre: "The Paley."

At 2.30, and 7.15, Chinese Picture
"Yang Kwei Foo."

Star Theatre: "The Danger
Girl."

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Hector),
4.30 p.m.; Europe via Vancouver,
B.C., 5 p.m.; and via Siberia, 6
p.m. (Empress of Asia).

Wednesday.

(May 15.)

Garrison Rifle Meeting, Kowloon
City Range, 9.30 a.m.

Queen's Theatre: "No Other
Woman."

World Theatre: "Let Women
Alone." At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese
Picture "Yang Kwei Foo."

Star Theatre: "Becky."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

European Mails:—Outward:
Europe via San Francisco (Siberia
Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Thursday.

(May 16.)

Property Auction: (31-39, Austin
Road, Kowloon) Messrs. Lamert
Bro., Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.

Opening of New Billiard Room,
Chinese Sports Club, King's Building,
4.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Cossacks."

World Theatre: "Let Women
Alone." At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese
Picture "Yang Kwei Foo."

Star Theatre: "Becky."

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

Friday.

(May 17.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting,
Holena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

H.K. Jockey Club: Half yearly
general meeting, H.K. Club annex,
5.10 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Cossacks."

World Theatre: "The Street
Angel."

Star Theatre: "A Kiss for
Cinderella."

Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.

Saturday.

(May 17.)

Extra Race Meeting,
Happy Valley.

Golf: Whitsuntide Meeting, Fan-
ling.

Lawn Bowls:—Division I.: Kow-
loon Dock v. Civil Service, Craig-
gower v. Recreation, Police v. Kow-
loon C.C., Taihook v. Kowloon Bow-
ling Green. Division II.: Recreation
v. Craigcower, Civil Service v.
H.K. Electric, Kowloon Bowling
Green v. Taihook.

Lawn Tennis:—"A" Division:
M.B.K. v. Chinese R.C., Craigcower
v. H.K.C.C., Kowloon C.C.

Recreation, South China v. University
"B" Division: Kowloon C.C. v.
H.K. and R.S., Recreation v. Hong
Kong C.C., University v. Nippon,
Y.M.C.A. v. South China, Indian
R.C. v. Chinese R.C. "C" Division:
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v. Craigcower, Chinese R.C. v.
South China, Civil Service v.
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ACTION FOUGHT BY BLIND MEN.

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I have a vision of a midshipman in merciful darkness, flying down to the nethermost depths of humiliation. Then suddenly the whole sea goes mad, and just at the moment when it goes mad there is a cry, "There they are!" and I have an impression of all our vast guns suddenly moving over to the madness and fixing themselves in rigid recognition.

Star shells fired at us from the horizon parachute into the sea and die hissing in green flame. They are pitched short, and I can hear their metal bases screaming past us in the dark. All who have heard this sound before take cover! One comes whining over us like a great mosquito to flatten itself on the forehead.

"The Crystal Palace on firework night," says some one on the bridge as the shells increase. But pitched short star shells are no good. They must be fired to burn behind the target. We are safe! The enemy does not see us. He is firing at our destroyers! And in the glare of the shells I see these grey ships steaming in lines of white foam, sending out (in theory) torpedoes as they play their part in the game.

"By Jove, they've found us!"

A shell whines over us and blazes behind us! Instantly the batteries of the flagship fire; we fire next, and so on down the line; and against the brilliant blaze of our stars we see the enemy, far away where the sea meets the sky, flying—one, two, three, four battleships—like slim white lizards.

"Cease fire!" This is the time when in war our gun turrets would fling their tons of death. This is the moment when the vast ship would seem to rise in her course and rock to the side as the guns recoil. This is the time when we might put up our hands to our ears to find them bleeding.

Instead, our searchlights fall a great moment into the sea and illuminate great, circles of boiling waves, and then, straightening out, shoot over to the horizon and pin the enemy against the sky. He retaliates. Thin swords of light flash from the remote white lizards and, broadening, dazzle us. The whole sea is crazy with veering shafts of light. They cross and recross. They blunder over the night, discovering submarines slipping up in the dark, and unexpected destroyers. The whole sea is alive. And every searchlight represents gunfire! We are all theoretically on the brink of death! For minutes that seem like hours we steam dazzled and blinded in the enemy light. Our own shafts ray out from us with sea fog in them, and it seems to us that the enemy tries to shake them off but one little turn and we hold him! He cannot escape! We have him! We had him first! He is a mass of blood and shattered steel! We have won.

A messenger comes: "Cease fire." The searchlights die one by one. The night is black as pitch. Ahead of us the flagship breaks into light. "Undarkened ship." We break likewise into light. The battle is over. "What a lovely war! Who says a cup of ship's cocoa!" There is just a faint promise of dawn in the east. The light grows stronger minute by minute, and against a flush of pink the destroyers on our starboard bow ride the sea in silhouette.

PARTY SPLIT AT PECKHAM.

RIVAL CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES.

An unusual political situation has arisen in Peckham, where there is every likelihood of two Conservative candidates standing at the general election. The seat was Conservative in 1922 and 1923, but the Socialists won it in 1924.

The official Conservative candidate is Dr. J. D. Cooke, a retired physician and surgeon. His candidature was approved by the Central Unionist Office and by a meeting of the local Conservatives.

The newcomer is Mr. Collingwood Hughes, the winner of the seat in 1922 and 1923. He incurred the disapproval of the party by voting with the Socialist Government in the Campbell case debate, and he alleges that the party headquarters instructed the local association not to run him in 1924.

John Henry Lavers, 24, who was burned in an explosion in the switchboard room of the Charing Cross Electricity Supply Co., Ltd., has died in Charing Cross Hospital from his injuries.

A crippled boy, Harold Davidson, son of a miner, was crossing the road near his home at Choppington, Northumberland, when his crutch slipped. He fell and struck his head on a jagged flint which pierced his skull and killed him.

BRITAIN'S MERCHANT NAVY.

AN EPIC OF THE WAR.

The achievements of the British merchant service during the last 13 months of the War is a subject worthy of the eloquent foreword that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has written to Sir Archibald Hurd's third and last volume. The book is concerned with that period of the War at sea which is commonly called the period of unrestricted submarine warfare. The term, though technically correct, is a little misleading. In February, 1917, the German Government announced that their submarine commanders would attack commercial traffic without restraint. The announcement affected neutral seamen more than British; for during the closing months of the year 1916 German submarine commanders had virtually been conducting an unrestricted campaign against British shipping.

Sir Archibald Hurd has made the energy and endurance of the British merchant seaman his principal subject; and has left strategic questions to others. "There was," he writes, "only one way in which to treat this subject . . . and that was to select episodes descriptive of the main theme . . . to set out those incidents in their order of occurrence, to quote textually from the statement of masters and men wherever possible." By following this method of treatment the author has given a very detailed picture of how merchant captains and their crews lived during this period of extraordinary danger. Their lives were often enough "an alternation of escape and disaster," and the campaign might appear to many to consist in the "daily sinking of merchantmen, who had little means of resisting, and in the hairbreadth escapes of others who had a chance of escape, though never a very good one."

"The Arming of Merchant Ships." A good many matters which affected the life of the merchant seaman have, however, been described, in addition to these successions of calamities. When unrestricted submarine warfare began, the Admiralty's general policy was to provide merchantmen on the high seas with means for defending themselves; and to supplement this defensive power of each individual merchantman by stationing a large number of patrol craft along the inshore routes and in the approaches to the great commercial harbours. It was hoped that the merchantmen on the outer routes would be so scattered that operating submarines would not find them; that, if the U-boats did attack with their guns; and that zones in which traffic is dense would be so well protected that submarines would be unable to operate inside them.

Sir Archibald Hurd has described, at some length, how each part of this policy was carried out. In order to make each merchantman capable of resisting submarines the Admiralty endeavoured to fit them with defensive armament. The bare statement does not even suggest the immense administrative labour involved. First, the guns had to be collected, and this, as Sir Archibald Hurd shows, was extremely difficult; secondly, the guns and their mountings had to be distributed to the shipyards to which merchantmen returned for their refit. This, however, was only part of the business. The merchant seamen had to be shown how to use their guns, and the merchant captains to be taught how to manoeuvre their vessels so that the guns could be brought to the best advantage. In order to carry out the first of these measures the Admiralty had to set up instructional establishments, to provide instructors and to make arrangements for a regular supply of pupils. And all this organization had to be built up at a time when both the sea services were working at tremendous strains, when their ordinary daily duties and responsibilities had been trebled.

Achieving the Impossible.

In addition to supplying defensive armament the Admiralty also decided to fit merchantmen with smoke apparatus for disguising their movements, and with paravanes for giving them protection against mines. Finally, it was decided to paint ships in dazzle patterns, in order that submarine commanders should be uncertain of the courses which the merchantmen were steering. Sir Archibald Hurd is to be congratulated on showing the enormous labour which the execution of each of these measures involved, and also the good will with which the merchant seamen submitted to these administrative invasions on their traditional independence.

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CHILDREN WORKING ON BARGES.

SELLING LITTLE ONES IN ENGLAND!

BABIES BORN ON REFUSE BOATS.

(British United Press.)

Children born on barges loaded with the filth and refuse of London; children bought and sold for cash and forced to do a mature man's work at the tender age of eight, ten and twelve! These are spectres arresting attention following the publication of the report of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. In a talk with a United Press representative, an official of the N.S.P.C.C. described some of the conditions prevailing on the barges and canal boats plying the miles of waterways in England and in Wales.

Doing Arduous Work.

"For nine years the N.S.P.C.C. has been conducting an investigation of the 3,000 children making their homes and working on English barges and canal boats. Our special patrol officer has discovered some appalling cases in our efforts to ameliorate a situation which is unregulated by present legislation. "We have found children of the age of ten and twelve doing such dangerous and arduous work that many of them have been killed."

To comply with legislation against overcrowding in boat cabins, children of barge-men have been given away, leased out to work to other barge-men, or sold, the official said. Often times the children never again see their father or mother and work as virtual slaves under the bargeman who bought them.

"Their parents," continued the official, "have no other home but their boat and when their family gets too large they deplete it by renting, selling or giving away their surplus offspring."

"These children are often born on these boats, many of which carry away London's refuse. They even help in the handling of this filth. They are forced to do work which is far beyond their age and strength. Our inspector has seen girls of eight and ten steering a canal boat, and sometimes one of them is swept off the craft into the water and drowned."

Never Been to School.

Often the children work from early morning until late night leading the barge horses, opening the heavy lock gates, and even unloading the vessels.

The number of children working on barges in England and Wales is estimated at 3,000 of which at least 1,500 have never been to school and of the remainder only about 500 could gain admission into the third grade of an ordinary school.

The Society points out that a population of uneducated people is growing up, and that each year it is becoming larger and larger. The parents say they are unable to send their children to school because their barges are constantly on the move.

To wipe out this evil, a bill has been deposited with the House of Commons asking that all children be excluded from canal boat work. The measure is being sponsored by the Transport Workers Union in addition to the N.S.P.C.C.

By a curious irony it was the introduction of convoy—the measure of defence which succeeded when all others had failed—which placed the greatest strain upon the merchant service. It must never be forgotten that a thoroughly representative meeting of merchant captains was assembled at the Admiralty in the early months of 1917, and that when these present were invited to state their views upon convoy as a system of trade defence, they answered that, so far as they knew, it was impossible; they could not undertake to perform the duties that the system would impose upon them. How could they keep station, zigzag, and maintain a tactical formation with their crude appliances? The only answer was that they must attempt the impossible. The merchantmen received this hard answer without murmur, and performed what hundreds of naval men considered to be an impossible task. The memorial at Tower Hill commemorates those who actually lost their lives while carrying supplies to Great Britain; but the merchant service has another unwritten, uncomparable roll of honour: the list of those men who lost their health and retired from the sea, broken by the fearful strain which they had endured without complaining.

THE KING'S NEW TREATMENT.

WHAT DIATHERMY DOES FOR RHEUMATISM.

What exactly is the diathermy treatment which is being administered to the King for his rheumatic shoulder?

Mr. A. F. Moir, A.M.I.E.E., recently demonstrated the entire apparatus to a Press representative at his London clinic, and gave him a dose of the actual treatment.

"The only new thing about diathermy," said Mr. Moir, "is the discovery of the various uses to which it can be put."

"The treatment, which literally means 'through heat,' was first introduced into England by Lewis Jones, late medical officer of the electrical department of St. Bartolomew's Hospital, and the great thing about it in recent times is that it can be used in surgery—that is, in place of the knife."

Treatment of Cancer.

"Tonsils and the prostate gland can be removed by diathermy, and in the case of tonsils it is particularly beneficial. The treatment is applied, and in a short time the patient simply spits out the tonsils, and there is no bleeding at all."

"I can best explain how diathermy works," continued Mr. Moir, "by taking the analogy of the cooking of a piece of meat. There you heat the meat through from the outside to the inside. In diathermy you heat from the inside out."

"It therefore gives heat and relief to muscles which are in the ordinary way inaccessible."

"Diathermy is used extensively for surgical purposes on the Continent, and in Germany a number of surgeons are specialising in its use for the treatment of cancer with marked success."

"It is due to the action of diathermy on the blood pressure, which it reduces to a marked degree, that the treatment is of such value in giving relief from pain in a great number of painful diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lumbago, and most of the rheumatic group."

"No Pricking"

"It is also of great use in various chest ailments, as the warmth has an extremely soothing effect on the patient."

"The King is, of course, being treated with a portable set."

Mr. Moir explained the technical working of the apparatus, for which alternating current has to be used.

The Press representative was then given a specimen treatment, from which he received no "pricking" or electric shocks, but merely a soothing feeling of warmth; he was shown the "electric chair," reminiscent of American executions, but far less drastic, and some marvellous experiments with various minerals placed in vacuum tubes. When the tubes were connected with the apparatus the disintegrating force of half a million or so alternations, caused lime, pectolite, and granite to phosphoresce in the most beautiful colours.

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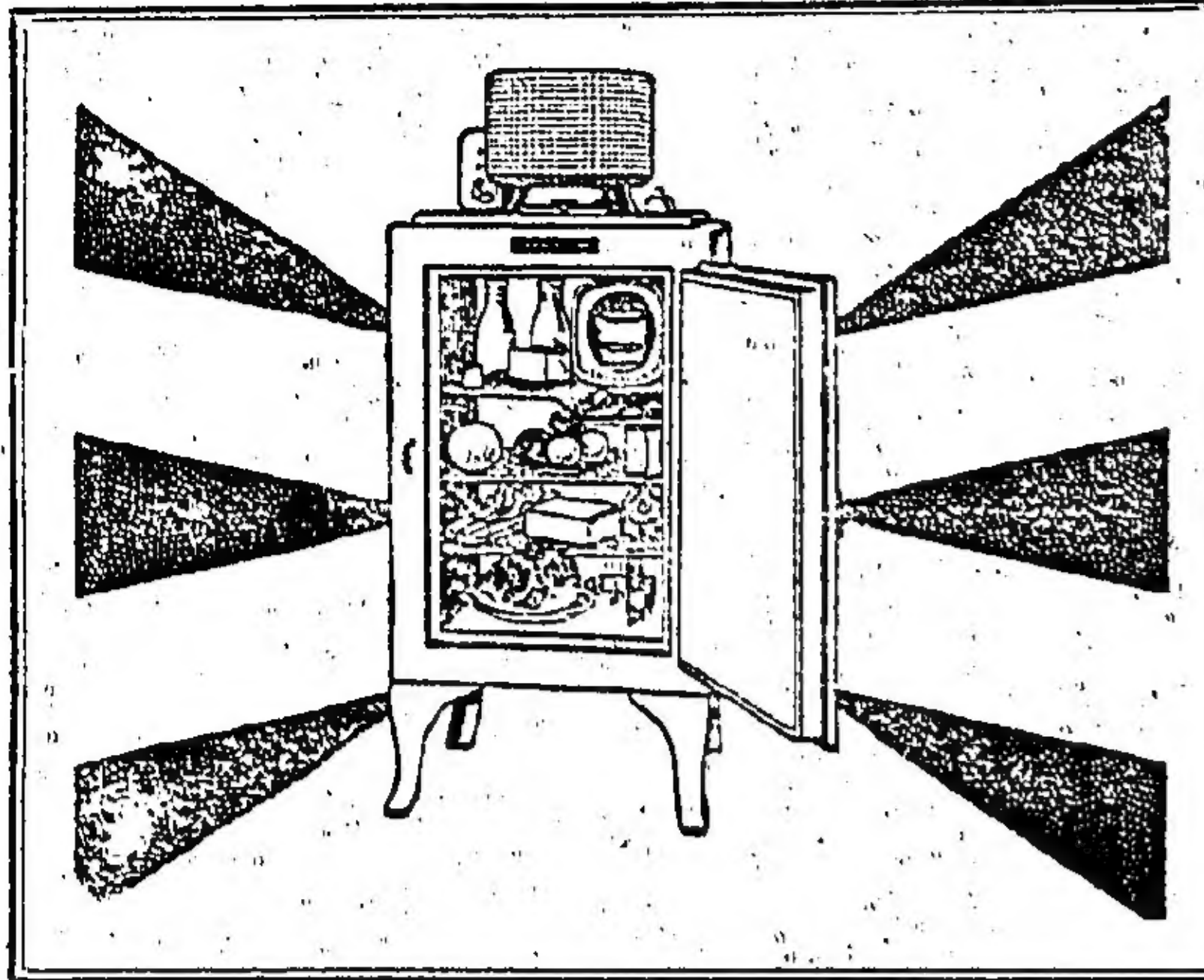
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BRIGHT CRICKET PROSPECTS.

Leicestershire's cricket prospects for this year are particularly bright. With the exception of Bale and Tyler, all last season's players are available, and in addition, J. W. King, who has assisted Worcestershire during the past two seasons, has joined the staff. King is a nephew of Leicestershire's famous left-hander, J. H. King. E. W. Dawson again will lead the side.

In addition to South Africa and Oxford University, fourteen counties will be met. Middlesex and Somerset reappear after many years' absence, and Warwickshire and Sussex disappear for the time under the new system.

RECORDS SET UP BY BLUNDY'S BOYS.

Three records were set up at Tiverton, when C. H. Stoney won the half mile in 5mins. 5secs., and K. R. Farquhar won the mile in 4mins. 44.3secs., and the 120 yards hurdles in 17.2secs.

F. H. Bowen won the 100 yards, the quarter mile, the half mile and putting the weight in the open events at the Oratory School sports.

Chief events at Reading School sports were won as follows:—Long run, C. R. Luttman; 100 yards, R. L. Eort; 440 yards, C. W. Cook; Mile, D. P. Van Meuss; 120 yards hurdles, E. M. Davies; Inter-house relay, Boarders; Sports champion, R. L. Eort.

Shrewsbury School beat Cheltenham College at Shrewsbury by 8 points to 1.

MISS BETTY CARSTAIRS.

Miss Betty Carstairs, who will make a valiant stab to regain the Harmsworth International Speed Boat trophy from the United States in September with her new \$100,000 craft, is now warming up her outboard motor for a race from Dover to Calais the latter part of this month or the first part of the next. The exact date of the race has not been settled, and its announcement will depend entirely upon weather conditions from week to week. Miss Carstairs is one of two women entrants in this race. The other is Miss Zoe Livesey. Other entrants include Mr. Kaye Don, well-known racing driver; Mr. J. W. Shillan, Mr. Charles Livesey, Mr. Bomford, Mr. Philip Turner, Mr. Charles Parison, Mr. H. Samuelson, Mr. C. T. Lewis, Mr. A. B. McIntosh, and Mr. Maurice Berney. It is possible that Sir H. O. D. Segrave, holder of the world's land speed record who is also a motor boat racing enthusiast, will participate in the Dover-Calais race. He has intimated that he will now devote his energies to capturing water titles. The Dover-Calais event is being organized by a commercial firm and is intended to bolster interest in outboard motor boat racing.

WRESTLING IN ENGLAND.

The annual meeting of the National Amateur Wrestling Association was held in London last month. The hon. secretary, in his report, stated that wrestling was not so popular as it had been, but the standard of the sport lay in the hands of the wrestlers themselves, who if they chose could raise it and regain some of the lost wrestling prestige. The president and other officers were re-elected *en bloc*. It was decided that the more important championships of 1929, which had been postponed owing to the European contests taking place, should be held as soon as possible.

A YACHTING VETERAN.

Westcountry yachting has lost one of its oldest and best-known supporters. This was Lieut.-Colonel John Edward Vaughan, Deputy-Lieutenant of Glamorgan, where he had had his principal home for many years past. He was a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and for some years Vice-Commodore of the Bristol Channel Yacht Club. He had a liking for designing his own yachts, at which he showed considerable skill, and carried off many prizes during his lengthy connection with the sport. He had a handsome house at Falmouth, and it was around here that many of his yachting activities centred. Born in Somerset, he joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers, with which regiment he saw active service in the now almost-forgotten Burma Campaign of 1886-87, and the South African War.

ERIC LIDDELL.

The wish may have been father to the thought that Eric Liddell would be home this summer. It is now stated that the great athlete has been detained at his post in China for another year and that his furlough will be taken in 1930, the summer of the projected Empire gathering in Canada. Liddell's great year was 1924, when he won his Olympic Games' honour. In 1925 he won three Scottish titles for the second year in succession, but he was on the eve of departure for China and had to allow his A.A.A. title to go by default. His running in China has been so well sustained that he would probably, had he been in this country last summer, have equalled D. G. A. Lowe's feat of successfully defending an Olympic Games championship after four years. Although he was never a footballer in the class, he attained as a runner, Liddell's heart was so much in the Rugby game that when for reasons of study he had to give up football he could not even go to look on at a match.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Helen Wills and Edith Cross will probably find themselves up against a combination of triumphant youth and ripe experience during the Wimbledon championships in June, for it has been announced that seventeen-year-old Betty Nuthall is to partner the Anglo-Californian chop stroke expert, Elizabeth Ryan. Arrangements have already been made for these two popular and famous players to get in a little teamwork in several tournaments before Wimbledon. Miss Ryan is reputed to be the world's greatest woman doubles player while Betty is improving steadily. Ten months ago it was arranged that Betty should be partnered in this year's Wimbledon tournament by Mrs. L. A. Godfree who won the singles title for Britain in 1924 and 1926. Mrs. Godfree's health, however, has been giving her trouble during the past couple of years, so a provisional arrangement was made to the effect that should Mrs. Godfree be unable to play, Betty would be paired with Miss Ryan. Meanwhile, while touring India, Miss Ryan received an offer to couple up with Helen Wills for the championships, to which she agreed on condition that the American Lawn Tennis Association re-instated her as eligible to play for the United States in international contests. Then came the news that an official pairing had been made between Miss Wills and Miss Cross. Mrs. Godfree is not sufficiently recovered to play in the championship, so the provisional arrangement between Betty Nuthall and Miss Ryan has been made definite.

FAMOUS STABLE CEDED.

A small official notice to the effect that Mme. Edmond-Blanc has handed over all her horses (except one), and their engagements to her two sons, to be run in the name of the elder, M. Eddie Edmond-Blanc, has passed without the comment it deserves. She has also ceded to M. Eddie Edmond-Blanc his father's famous colours—orange jacket, blue cap. This notice constitutes a romance. When M. Edmond-Blanc, the famous French sportsman, who bought Flying Fox for the record price of £20,000, died a year or two after the end of the war, the two sons were minors; so Mme. Edmond-Blanc decided to keep the stable going until they came of age, and it was in her name and carrying her husband's colours that the great Esar scored his long series of brilliant victories. Now the colours and stable go to the son, and, as an auspicious sign, the stable contains last year's champion juvenile, Meeting.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

THE BILL FOR BEAUTY.

NEVER TRY TO BE TOO LOVELY.



A thoughtful woman need not be a devotee of the old-fashioned school to wonder—especially after viewing some of the value received by the beauty-buyers—if the bill for beauty is not too high.

Surely there is a difference between the simple dressing-table beauty aids taking only a few minutes and a few pence, and the elaborate cult of youth and beauty to which an ever-increasing number of women old enough to know better give their days and their dollars.

The bill for such beautification is not settled merely with banknotes. The cost includes fallacious ideals, wasted energies, and an appalling amount of unproductive unhappiness. Isn't it too high? Isn't it more than women can afford to pay?

These questions are asked, and answered, by one of the popular women novelists of the day.

She says, as we all see, the beauty parlor's permanent population, the middle-aged women who focus life on the pursuit of the mirage of youth.

Age-old Wish to Please.

"They buy flattery," she says incisively, "from hair-dressers and shopgirls. They make a tremendous fuss over whether the first wave of their permanent should go back from the forehead or dip over the left eye. They experiment over massages and hot oils. They try Finnish bath, Turkish bars, face foods, wrinkle elimination. They have nerve treatment and rest cures."

"The beauty of the body is getting to be too important. It wants to be a religion, and it belongs to the dressing table and not to the

altar. It is a very false god, indeed, and it keeps thousands of its worshippers in terror, as false gods are apt to do."

The basic answer to why they do it is that age-old woman's passion to please. Yet there are other things in the world for women—politics, books and work. There is an age when Nature, for her own excellent reasons, makes feminine life revolve about men. But women don't have to feel that way for ever—thanks heaven!

Cannot Rival Miss Eighteen.

With the best face-liftings and permanents these women cannot make themselves the successful facial rivals of Eighteen. Compare real youth and the synthetic sort. Even under the lights of a night club you cannot be fooled. For that reason alone, the efforts of the middle-aged beauty-parlor devotees represent wasted energy, even if they do not consider the useful things to which they might give their time and money.

What then is the alternative—allowing oneself to become a wrinkled hag at forty? Not at all. The wise woman of to-day simply keeps her sense of proportion along with her looks. She uses aids to attractiveness, but doesn't allow them to use her. She pays no overcharge for beauty, for she knows, as women before her never had the chance to know, that "the world is so full of a number of things!" Or, as one well-known woman sums it up: "We can be grateful that there is a popular science of good looks and a growing artistry in clothes. But there is more than that in life. Even for women."

TEACH YOUR DAUGHTER TO BE POPULAR.

[By A MOTHER.]

There is not the slightest reason to doubt that every girl has the right to be popular and her company sought after if only her mother is wise enough to lay the foundations in early childhood.

I am training my daughter from her earliest days to enjoy meeting other people. This is more important in her case because she is an only child.

I began by finding her a playmate of her own age and encouraged them to play together as often as possible.

Naturally the early days saw many quarrels. My own girl was the greater culprit, and often sulky. Whenever this happened she was deprived of her playmate, but the need and joy of companionship soon sowed the first tiny seeds of unselfishness and choked jealousy.

Now she has started at school and is choosing her own friends. She is encouraged to bring them home, and on certain days, which she considers entirely her own, she entertains them to tea. Here she is learning fresh lessons. She must not only share, but must put her guests first.

Thus, in caring for the comfort of others, she forgets shyness and self-consciousness.

FOR YOUR COOKERY BOOK.

Cold fish and cold boiled potatoes can be used up in this way, and no one will feel aggrieved at having to eat them.

Mix equal quantities of cold white fish, chopped up finely, and cold potatoes, and bind together with a little white sauce.

Season well with salt and pepper and a dash of lemon juice. Grease a baking dish and sprinkle all over the inside with browned breadcrumbs.

Fill with the mixture, cover with a greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. Turn out and serve with parsley sauce poured over. Garnish with half-circles of lemon and parsley.

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ALLEGED WOMAN BURGLAR.

PROPRIETOR'S DISCOVERY
ON RETURNING
TO SHOP.

Alleged to have broken into a shop with the aid of a jemmy and a wooden wedge, Edith Logan, 35, who gave her address as Brunstree, Rusholme, was brought up at Manchester. She looked pale and tired in the dock, and presented a pathetic appearance. She was accused of shopbreaking and larceny.

Mr. Walter Williamson stated that he locked up his shop as usual. He returned later, and felt that there was something wrong. He entered without making a noise. Suddenly he heard a noise, and shouted. There being no response, he went out again and carefully locked the door.

He went round the back, and to his surprise saw a woman's face above the wall. He called a policeman, who found Logan crouching behind a counter. Close to her was a black canvas bag which contained a screwdriver, a fish lamp, a wooden wedge, and £5 13s. 2d. in Treasury notes and coin.

In the scullery a jemmy was found, together with a tyre lever and a tradesman's basket containing a quantity of tobacco and cigarettes. A window had been forced open, and a door leading to the yard had been opened. It was further alleged that the woman had scaled a wall eight feet high.

When charged with the offence Logan replied, "That's right, I'm guilty."

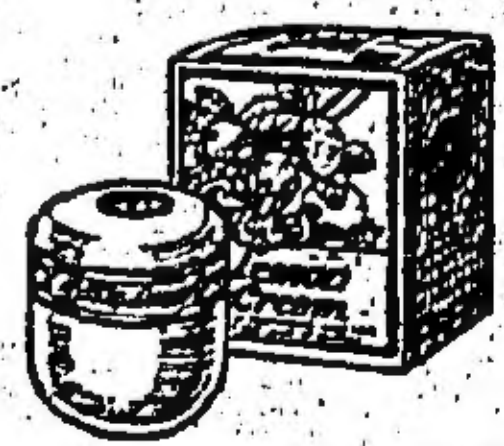
Logan, who was committed for trial at Manchester quarter Sessions, was refused bail, the magistrates objecting to a man who offered himself as surety.



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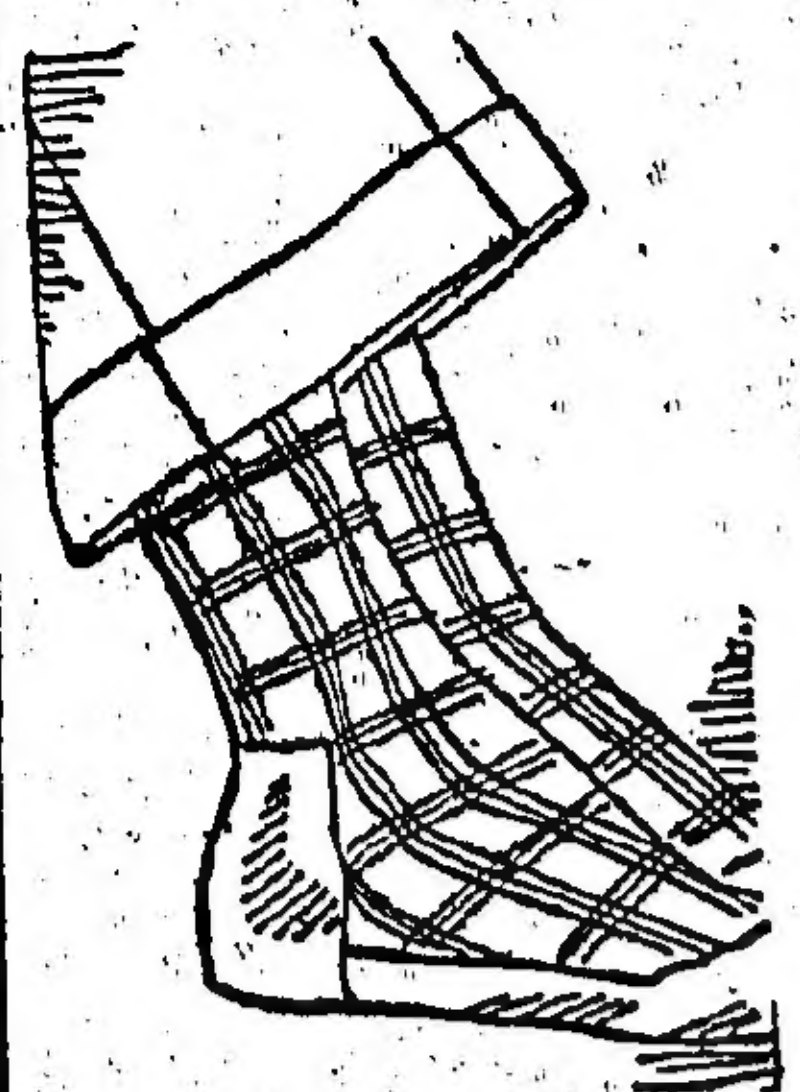
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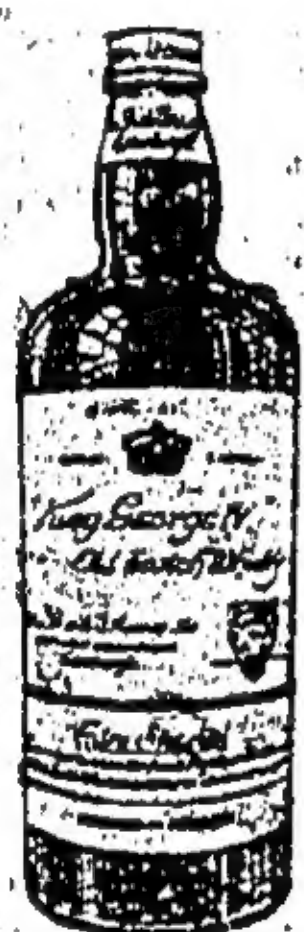
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FINANCIAL POSITION OF AUSTRALIA.

THE ECONOMIC MISSION.

RANCHING COUNTRY OF THE FUTURE.

A dinner was given at Australia House, London, at the invitation of the High Commissioner for Australia, Major-General Sir Granville Ryrie (who presided), to meet the members of the British Economic Mission, who recently visited the Dominion at the request of the Australian Government.

Sir Arthur Duckham, the leader of the mission, was not able to be present on account of a cold. The other members—Sir Hugo Hirst, Sir Ernest Clark and Mr. Douglas Macleod—were cordially welcomed. The Prime Minister sent a message expressing regret that he could not attend.

The Chairman, proposing "The Members of the Mission," said the report of the mission contained the statement that the present financial position of Australia was sound in the sense that her national income and sources of public revenue were amply sufficient to pay for her Government services and to provide for the redemption of her public debt. He hoped that might stop some of the carping criticism from pessimists who wanted to give them a bad name and say that they were practically insolvent. Such talk was rubbish. (Cheers.)

A Hand of Help.

Sir Hugo Hirst, replying, said that he and his colleagues were impressed by the up-to-date equipment of the settlements wherever they went, and they realized the bravery with which men had laid the foundations in Australia for the future happiness and health of its inhabitants. They found in discussions with employers and workers about economies, a certain hesitancy, and the conferences which had been held had borne excellent fruit. The hand of help that they tried to offer was grasped in a friendly way, and he felt that Australian problems were largely Empire problems, which should not be left entirely to Australia to solve. (Cheers.)

Sir Ernest Clark, who also replied, said that the Mission required the care with which the great economic problems of Australia had been studied by her own economists, and in their report they had tried to contribute something to increase the prosperity of Australia, which also meant the prosperity of this country. (Cheers.) They found that Australia was borrowing well within her resources. It was important that financiers here should not misjudge the position.

Mr. Douglas Macleod also replied. Alluding to the articles in *The Times* by Sir William Haldane on the beef supply of the world, he said he believed there was a great possibility of Australia becoming one of the great ranching countries of the future.

Mr. Amery, Secretary for Dominion Affairs, proposed the health of the chairman. He said the Mission had performed a valuable work. Its members went out with a free hand and an open mind, and they had produced a report that had been welcomed from every point of view and one that had made a valuable contribution to the improvement of the relations of these countries in industry. He felt their task had not finished with the report. The advantages of the tour would be carried forward into the future. A motto for the future was: "Buy British and Invest British." (Cheers.)

KIDSGROVE COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY OPENED.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the disaster at Harecastle (Maryhill) Colliery, near Kidsgrove, Staffs, in which three men lost their lives through an inrush of water, was opened by Mr. F. H. Wynne, Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines. The victims were Albert Copeland, 37, Leonard Archer, 33, and Jonas Brown, 33, and in spite of heroic efforts, their bodies have not been recovered.

At the outset Mr. K. H. Norris, for the North Staffordshire Miners' Federation, asked leave to correct an impression that had gained ground that the miners' representatives were agreed that the bodies were irretrievable. There had been a conference with the owners, but the miners' representatives had maintained a neutral attitude on the question.

Str in the Air.

Swinton Rowley, one of the survivors, said that he felt an agitation in the air, but heard no sound. Leonard Archer, one of the victims, was working with him, said, "Did you feel that?" There was no sound, and shortly afterwards Archer was carried away by the inrush of water and disappeared. The witness called out to Copeland to follow him, but Copeland replied that he could not.

He went to fetch him and helped him out of the tub to a shaft, and went in to see if it was empty. It (Continued on foot of next column).

IRELAND'S FORESTS.

REPAIRING WAR-TIME RAVAGES.

[British United Press.]

Rivalling the gigantic Irish electrification scheme now nearing completion under the supervision of Mr. Patrick McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Patrick Hogan, the youthful and energetic Minister for Lands and Agriculture, is fostering a plan for the afforestation of the Free State.

Millions of trees are to be planted on every vacant piece of land to be utilized for establishing new forests. Already this result has been passed by both the Dail and the Senate, and it is expected that it will shortly receive the signature of the Governor-General.

Progressive Policy.

Owing to the persistent deforestation of the Free State which has been proceeding with varying degrees of intensity since the war, replanting of millions of trees as provided for in the Bill, has become a vital necessity. This is apparent when it is stated that although from 1922 to 1923 approximately 30,000,000 trees have been planted in various parts of the Free State, even this has not repaired to any appreciable extent the huge inroads made upon the forests of Ireland during the war.

Ever since the work of restoring the Saorstát's tree supplies was seriously tackled in 1922-23, the policy of the Forestry section of the Dept. of Agriculture has been a forward one, and every year an increasing number of acres of suitable land have been planted.

The following table shows what has been done, approximately 2,000 trees being planted to the acre—

1922-23	850 acres.
1923-24	1,170 "
1924-25	2,210 "
1925-26	3,053 "
1926-27	2,908 "

Last year's planting season, which extends into this present March, it was proposed to cover 3,435 acres, or 6,570,000 trees, as compared with 959 acres, or 1,919,000 trees in 1922-23.

Scottish Pines.

The work of getting the land ready has been in progress in the different centres for some time.

The counties in which the greatest reforestation is going on are—

Wicklow	Galway
Tipperary	Kilkenny
Cork	Wexford
Wexford	Clare
Louth	

The variety of trees differs according to the suitability of the soil. The trees include Scotch and Corsican Pines, Common and Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir, Larch, Silver Fir, etc.

Under the terms of the Bill, existing full-grown trees are safeguarded to the extent that they cannot be felled by private owners, except under certain circumstances, without a licence from the Minister, who may enforce their replacement by fresh plantings of young trees. It contains many other provisions, the effect of which will be to restore the depleted woods and beautify the country.

Avondale, a beautiful home and estate of the late Irish leader, Chas. Stewart Parnell, has been utilized for a considerable period as an experimental station for afforestation, while in the vicinity of Dundrum in Co. Tipperary another experimental station has been established where students are being educated in the various phases of afforestation.

DANCE TEACHER'S SUIT.

DECREE NISI AGAINST R.A.F. MEDICAL OFFICER.

In the Divorce Court, Lord Merivale pronounced a decree nisi, with costs, in favour of Mrs. Ivy Lenora White, of Preston-road, Wembley, dancing instructor.

Mrs. White alleged the adultery of her husband, Dr. Frank Leslie White, now a flight-lieutenant medical officer in the Royal Air Force, at present stationed at Kenley, Surrey. Miss Gladys Ward, dancing instructor employed by Mrs. White, and Mr. Charles Arthur Eames, floor waiter at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, were witnesses in support of the suit.

It was so steep that it was difficult to climb up, and he reached a place where there were no steps. He had to lift himself up by pressing his hands against the side. Copeland never reached the place, and the witness did not see him again.

Evidence was given by miners who had worked in the same level that they had seen water dropping. They had not, however, suspected the presence of water in large quantities.

One witness, James Clare, said that the men had never discussed the possibility that they might have been working in the direction of old workings. If he had thought so, he would not have gone down. The inquiry will be continued.

EXTRADITION CASE.

STORY OF RAID ON A CHINESE VILLAGE.

FUGITIVE A RINGLEADER?

The case against Yip Tim, whose extradition is sought by the Chinese authorities on charges of armed robbery and kidnapping, was resumed before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. Reynolds questioned by Mr. Hin Shing Lo, said he could not say if a photograph was taken of the fugitive. The photographing of prisoners while they were in police hands, at that stage, was, in his opinion, unusual.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., said that at the first of the two identification parades the precise words as interpreted by the interpreter which the fugitive uttered, were—"What's the use? He knows me."

Schoolmaster Shot.

Evidence was given by a small boy who said that about seventy or eighty bandits raided the village of Shek Ma Kok at 6 a.m. Accused entered the school and fired a shot at the school master, wounding him on the left side of his stomach. The pupils, at the sight of the bandits, made a retreat through the back door of the school.

After the evidence of this witness, the Magistrate drew Mr. Andrews' attention to the wording of a subsection in section 4 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1899 which reads as follows:—"A fugitive criminal shall not in any case be surrendered unless an engagement is given by the Chinese Government that he shall not, until he has been restored or had an opportunity of returning to His Majesty's dominion, be detained or tried in China for any offence committed before his surrender other than the extradition crime on which the surrender is demanded."

Mr. Andrews replied that he understood a fresh requisition had arrived from Canton. Evidence was then given by a man who stated that he was the proprietor of a leather shop. Accused broke into his house with a number of others. They stole money, jewelry and clothing and also a cow. The witness was kidnapped with five other men and three women and were kept as captive in accused's house. Witness was released on payment of a ransom of \$250.

Witness said that accused directed the bandits and gave orders. He was the first to enter witness' house. Witness said that he had known accused for the last ten years.

The case was adjourned until today.

LABOUR IN MANILA.

A GROWING MOVEMENT.

Manila.—Manila is following with interest the growth of a labour movement here which, until recently, has been weak and not effectively organized. There are prospects, however, that in time labour organizations will exert a strong influence in local affairs if they are able to adjust their internal disputes.

The labour movement in Manila is made up of two "wings," each with conflicting aims and viewpoints. The "conservative" element of the labour movement is organized in the Philippine Labour Congress. The more radical members of the movement are organized in the Congress of Labourers of the Philippines Proletariat.

Both organizations have launched a campaign for more members. Competition between the two wings is keen. The "conservative" group is out to offset, if possible, the "teachings" of the radical organization. The ranks of the radical organization have been swelled by local Chinese labourers who appear to have cast their lot with the radical Filipinos.

Rivalry between the two groups is so intense that local authorities are watching their activities intently, fearful that open clashes may develop as the competition grows.

CINEMA NEWS.

"NO OTHER WOMAN" TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S.

In "No Other Woman," showing to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's, Dolores Del Rio plays for the first time the part of a modern society girl. Ben Bard, who plays opposite her is well known as a revue artist. Don Alvarado, who has the role of the rejected suitor is generally looked upon as one of the biggest "finds" of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A WATER SHORTAGE QUERY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—It would be interesting to have comparative statistics with reference to water consumption—restricted and pre-restricted.

Judging from the queues, might it not be that for every gallon used previously 3 or 4 are being used at present.

From my experience of Government methods in other lands, I should not be at all surprised if such were the case.—Yours, etc., "EPATDER."

Hong Kong, May 12.

STAMP ORDINANCE.

PROTECTION OF REVENUE TO BE CONSIDERED.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to constitute a Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Attorney-General, to consider the amendment of the Stamp Ordinance with a view to the protection of revenue derived from Stamp Duties and Death Duties.

The following gentlemen have accepted invitations to serve as members of this Committee:—

Mr. M. J. Green.
The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.
The Hon. Mr. A. D. C. Hynes.
The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.
The Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.
Mr. J. Scott Harston.
Mr. Li Tsu Fong.
Mr. P. Tester.
Mr. E. M. Raymond.
The Secretary is Mr. L. R. Andrews.

HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY HON. MR. T. E. KING, ACTING CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Chinese Company.

SQUAD DRILL.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at the Company's Headquarters on Tuesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under Lieut. R. B. T. Chi On. Dress: Mufti.

"FIRST AID TO THE INJURED." Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, May 15, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Cr. Sergt. R. B. T. Chi On. Kin Heng on Wednesday, May 15, at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

ANNUAL EXAMINATION IN PART II. The examination in Part II of Training Course will continue at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, May 16, at 5.30 p.m. sharp under Chief-Inspector H. J. Paterson, Principal of the Police Training School.

Indian Company.

STRENGTH.

Constable R. B. Sakiman Siban has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from May 9.

PARADE.

All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, May 14, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, May 14. Fall in at the Teintantui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, May 16. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

STRENGTH.

Constables R. H. Cooper and R. B. C. Gee have been permitted to resign on leaving the Colony and upon completing one full year's service with effect from May 7.

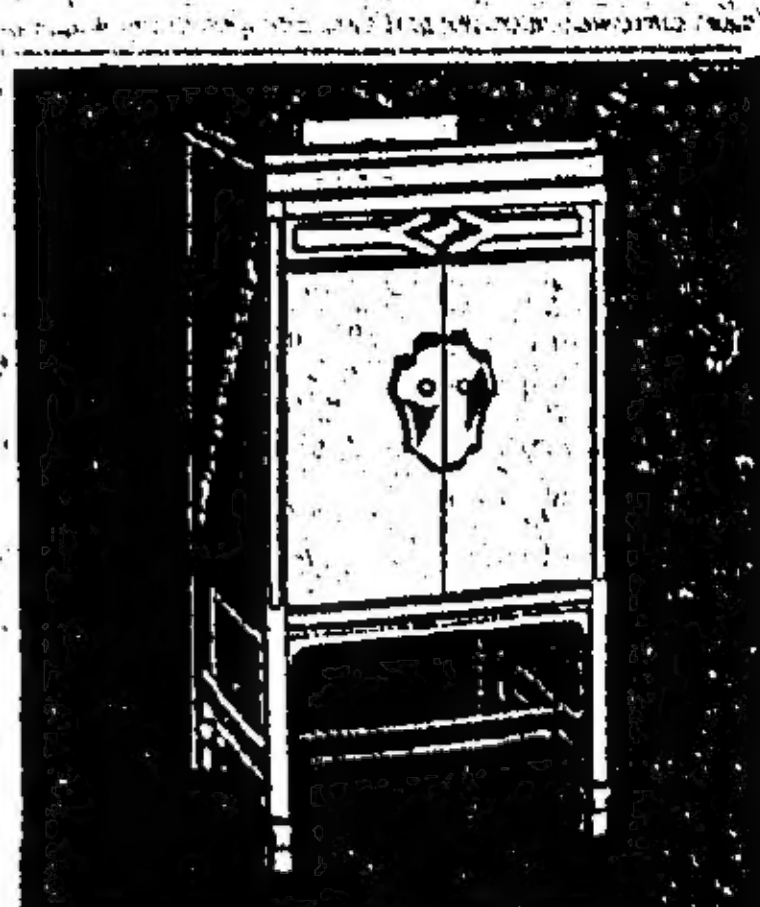
REVOLVER PRACTICE.

The next revolver practice will take place on the Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, June 2, at 10 a.m. Belts and holsters to be worn.

(Sgd.) W. KERR,

A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, May 13, 1929.



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KAI TAK TRAGEDY.

INQUIRY TO-DAY.

At Kowloon Magistracy this afternoon, Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith will sit as Coroner to investigate the tragedy at Kai Tak when an airplane which was landing after escorting H.M.S. Suffolk out of harbour, crashed into a shed and killed three Chinese.

INQUEST ON P.W.D. OFFICIAL.

As already stated in the *Daily Press*, the circumstances under which Mr. W. Keegan, of the Public Works Department, met his death by a fall from a verandah of the Government Civil Hospital are to be investigated at a Coroner's enquiry, which, it is understood, will be held at Central Magistracy on Friday afternoon.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The Chinese who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy with complicity in an armed raid on a junk in April 1928 was sentenced yesterday to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions. Sub-Inspector A. J. W. Doring prosecuted. The defendant is alleged to have been a member of a party of six men who raided a junk near Castle Peak and after overpowering the master and crew, took the boat into Chinese territory. The Chinese Volunteer Corps came to learn of the raid and attacked the robbers who fled. At an identification parade following the defendant's arrest, four of the five witnesses identified him as being one of the robbers.

BANVARD ENGLISH COMEDY COMPANY.

A FULL PROGRAMME.

W. R. Banvard's popular English Comedy Company will show four nights at the Star, May 15, 18, 20, 21, and then transfer to the Theatre Royal for three nights, May 22, 23, 24.

This will be the last opportunity of seeing one of the best and strongest companies that has ever been East. Their repertoire will include Ben Travers' farce, "Rookery Nook," which is the attraction for Saturday night at the Star, "The Fanatics" listed for Sunday, "Thank" to be played on Monday night. On Tuesday night, for the first time in Hong Kong, John van Druten's sensational play, "Diversion," will be presented.

At the Royal, commencing on Wednesday, May 22, the Company will play "The Best People" to be followed by Edgar Wallace's thriller "The Ringer" and "A Cuckoo in the Nest." Bookings may be made through Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. The Company has had phenomenal success in Shanghai.

CANTON'S NAVAL REVOLT.**THE REAL FACTS.****LONG-DRAWN-OUT DISCUSSIONS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 13. The Canton naval revolt has been settled, as all the gunboats have been turned over to the Canton Naval Department to be re-organised and remanned. Admiral Chen Chak is now busily engaged in re-organising the Navy on a more efficient basis, and all the revolting naval officers, irrespective of rank, have been discharged from service. No further trouble is expected.

A Daily Press representative who asked for an exact account of the negotiations was told that "after the defeat of the naval revolt on May 9, the gunboats withdrew to White Goose Bay and sought refuge alongside the foreign gunboats there. General Chen Tsai Tong then appointed Mayor Lin Wan Koi and Dr. C. H. Chang to approach the Shamen Consular Body to effect the surrender through peaceful means, if possible. The party arrived in the French Consulate at 12.30 and had a conference with the Consular Body there.

THE TERMS.

After some discussion it was decided that: (1) The Consular Body should advise the revolting gunboats to surrender or alternatively leave the Bay; and (2), if the revolting gunboats refused to comply the Consular Body should undertake to remove their respective gunboats out a little so as to enable the Government bombing planes to finish the battle without effecting harm to foreign lives and property.

Later, Mr. Douglas Jenkins, the American Consul-General, informed the party that he had sent an American naval officer to the revolting gunboat Fai Ying to make investigations.

The same afternoon, a parley was held aboard the Fai Ying between Dr. Chang, Vice-Admiral Shu and his subordinates and foreign naval officers. No conclusion was reached and the rebels were not urged to submit. Dr. Chang then urged Vice-Admiral Shu to go up to the American Consulate and discuss the matter in the presence of the Consular Body with Admiral Chen Chak and Mayor Lin. After much discussion Vice-Admiral Shu accompanied the party to the American Consulate, in spite of the stubborn opposition of his subordinates. The party promised that he should be taken back to the Fai Ying unmolested.

At the American Consulate, Vice-Admiral Shu was met by Admiral Chen Chak. Later the Consular Body and foreign naval officers on Shamen joined the discussion, but no satisfactory settlement could be effected. It was then finally agreed to postpone the negotiation until the next morning at 10 o'clock, in the same place.

A SETTLEMENT.

When Mayor Lin and Dr. Chang left for the Military Headquarters, Vice-Admiral Shu had a long talk with Police Commissioner Au Yang Kui in which the latter promised that the Government would give all the revolting naval officers an extra month's pay. When the others returned to the American Consulate, an order was finally signed by both Admiral Chen Chak and Vice-Admiral Shu to the effect that all the ammunition and batteries of the different gunboats were to be returned to the Government. All this was done in the presence of the Shamen Consular Body and foreign naval officers.

This having been done, Shu took the order back to the Fai Ying and promised to give a reply within an hour and a half. By 3 o'clock four men came up from the different gunboats carrying a letter of Vice-Admiral Shu stating that he was detained in the Fai Ying by his subordinates and requesting the Government to give his men three months' extra pay, instead of one as promised by Au Yang Kui. The request was categorically rejected, and finally they agreed to surrender on the conditions as laid down by the Government. At 8 p.m. Admiral Chen Chak went aboard the Chung Shan with a strong bodyguard and took over the control of the man-of-war. Vice-Admiral Shu left the Fai Ying at almost the same time, and the revolt was completed.

(Continued on next column.)

FALSE REPORTS FROM CANTON.**MORE ABOUT THE NAVAL COMEDY.****A GILBERTIAN SITUATION.**

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

No internecine war in South China has been so full of doubt as the present Kwangtung-Kwangsi strife.

Inner information concerning the recent naval comedy indicates that Captain Chen Chak, commandant of the Canton Naval Station, had received a bribe of \$300,000 from General Chiang Kai Shek to support his personal war against certain Kwangsi militarists who have been in rivalry with him for supremacy in Kuomintang politics and power.

"Squeeze."

Some naval officers were indignant over the alleged greed of Captain Chen Chak who had not, they charged, divided the sum justly among his subordinates, and they decided to be "neutral." Captain Chen Chak, in turn, accused his lieutenant, Sze Chung Lan, of having accepted \$2,000,000 from the Kwangsi militarists for the alleged mutiny.

On the morning of May 8, the aviation corps of the Canton Army was ordered to bomb the navy ships anchored near the Macao Forts at the entrance of Canton Harbour, but throughout the day's "action" no serious damage was done to them. Casualties among some non-combatants farming on the rice patches nearby were reported.

Captain Chen Chak had to leave for Hong Kong. He was followed by Captain Sze, both emphatically denying the alleged charge of "squeeze."

"During the war" between the aircraft and the ships, a Swatow boat with 3,000 men from General Tang Yin Wah entered the harbour, and it was thought that they were coming to reinforce the suspects of the navy. The combatants desisted and each demanded whether this supposition was correct.

The Colonel in charge of the regiment protested that his men were coming on order from the Canton authorities who admitted that this was correct but, for the sake of "safety first" and in case other bribery followed, ordered the whole regiment to be disbanded and the officers put under arrest.

On May 10 it was known that the Canton Navy was to be "loyal" to Chiang Kai Shek while not necessarily "unfriendly" to Kwangsi. The small craft went so far as to fly a white flag as a sign of submission. Up to present, the larger ships are still "doubtful."

There was a talk in Canton for a while that the air force had not done its best in bombing the naval craft in the harbour. One airman was slightly wounded.

While the actors and stage managers may have all the play to themselves, the audience however, have had to pay heavily for it.

So far, no real Kwangtung-Kwangsi battles have been fought. Cantonese troops, like the air and sea forces, have come to misadventure among themselves and "caused" the loss of ammunition by selling cartridges to the other side.

The present stoppage of trade in Canton has been brought about by the lack of confidence of the officials in each other. They disarm one another upon mere rumour of possible bribes being offered by commanders on either side.

The Canton Treasury and the Central Bank of Canton are said to be practically depleted. All loose cash has been removed from the Bank to Shamen for safe keeping. Yesterday banknotes in Canton returned to nearly 60 per cent. of their face value.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

Heavy fighting is reported to be in progress in the East River districts, as a result of several sub-commanders of the 2nd Kwangtung Division going over to the side of Kwangsi. General Tang Yin Wah, Commander of the Division, has been captured and detained by his subordinates in Swatow. Swatow, Sheklung, Waichow and other places in the East districts are now in the hands of the revolting armies under Colonels Li Mo Tze and Wan Yin Kiu. Large numbers of troops are being despatched to these areas. The enemy troops are now in occupation of Sheklung and are preparing to march on Canton when the time is opportune.

Fighting is also reported on the North River. The Kwangtung troops are advancing in this sector.

SHEKLUNG CAPTURED?

(Wah Tin Yat Pao.)

CANTON, May 13. Cantonese troops captured Sheklung on Monday morning and the mutineers under Li Mo Tze have retreated to Waichow.

PROF. SHELLSHEAR'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.**COUNSEL AND WITNESS "WEARY."****"GRAVITY" OF TREASURY OFFICIALS' POSITIONS.**

Professor Shellshear spent his fourth day in the witness-box yesterday when the case in which the Government is suing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for the receding of \$250,000 involved in the Carvalho Yeo frauds was resumed.

Professor Shellshear, the Bank's writing expert, was examined by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C.

On resuming his cross-examination Mr. Potter remarked: "I am going to try to get through my cross-examination as quickly as possible, as I am sure you (the jury) and I are both rather tired of it."

Mr. Potter: I hand to you two cheques drawn by Carvalho Yeo, and a paying-in slip. You will find in the thousands that the letter "O" are open in each case!

Witness agreed that was so and said, in reply to another question, that he did not think the crossing on the disputed cheques was in Tsang On Wing's writing.

Mr. Messer's Signature.

Mr. Potter went on to deal with what has been termed an "e" formation of Mr. Messer's "of" and another form described as the "c" formation of those letters. Witness agreed that the former was a great rarity, so great that in the Yeo trial he could only produce one example comparable with the "e" formation on the disputed cheques.

Do you realise how very general you have been in your criticisms of Mr. Messer's signature?

Professor Shellshear replied that he did not realise that.

Mr. Potter: With regard to the angularity of the "C," if that is a characteristic of Mr. Messer's writing, it is a characteristic which a forger would attempt to reproduce!—Yes, certainly.

Further, I suggest it is a common characteristic with people who write a capital "C" of that type of formation!—It may be.

"Have you noticed similarity of type between Yeo's signature and that of Mr. Messer?—No.

Replying to other questions, witness agreed that Mr. Messer's alleged signatures on the disputed cheques were very neat.

Three other cheques were produced, which witness agreed also bore neat signatures but were entirely different in formation.

Dealing with Mr. Black's writing, Mr. Potter pointed out that the signatures on the disputed cheques contained three rarities, the position of the "B," the slope of the "T," and the down stroke of the cross stroke of the "T." Witness agreed he could not produce a cheque incorporating all those three features.

Mr. Black's Signature.

Mr. Potter (to witness): I suggest that the opening in the "k" is not a rarity?—It occurs at certain times.

Counsel asked whether witness realised the gravity of the situation as regards Mr. Messer, Mr. Black and Tsang On Wing. Witness replied that he did.

Position may be of vital importance when you come to consider whether a signature is forged or not?—Yes.

Professor Shellshear was re-examined by Mr. Jenkins.

He said he was approached by Mr. King either on the same day that he was retained by the Bank or the next day. His first conference with Mr. Jenkins was late in the year 1928, as he went to Australia in the Spring and did not return until September.

His Lordship's Question.

In order to simplify a question put to Dr. Shellshear by the jury, his Lordship asked if an expert examined two signatures, in one of which the pen pressure was firm and in the other wavering or uncertain, whether he would say it is not by the same man.

Witness: I think he will fall into the error.

Witness agreed with Mr. Jenkins that pen pressure would vary under normal conditions and at a time when a man was suffering from great mental strain or fatigue.

Counsel: Do the signatures on the disputed cheques show any signs of hesitation, weakness or distress?—Nothing whatever.

Just as vigorous as they are in the genuine signature?—Yes. (Continued on next column.)

THE COLONY'S RIVIERA.**GOVERNMENT'S SPLENDID SCHEME.****GOLF COURSE, RECREATION PARK, AND PLEASURE RESORT.**

From an official source, we learn of a scheme to build a 23-mile motor road from Kai Tak to Shatin. Incidentally, the scheme will include the laying-out of a public golf course near Hebe Bay and a magnificent recreation park.

It is probably not well-known that Hebe Bay is one of the finest beauty spots in the Colony and the opinion is expressed that when the new developments are completed, this spot will actually eclipse Repulse Bay.

The Proposed Route.

As far as we understand the new road will start from Kai Tak, running some distance on the harbour side, past the glass works, and thence going through Ma Lau Tong Gap, which rises 450 feet above sea level. It will then pass the waterfall and the small reservoir and proceed to Ho Chung, which is 500 feet above sea level, and thence to Hebe Haven, Sai Kung, Kai Ling-ha, White Head, and round the peninsula to White Cove; and finish up at Shatin station.

Nowhere will the road exceed a gradient of 1-20, so that motoring will be possible without constant changing of gears.

To the east of Hebe Haven is a peninsula, and it is here that the proposed full-sized public golf links would be laid out. The idea is that the course would be open for everybody desiring to play. The spot is an ideal one for the purpose, being most pleasantly situated.

Ideal Bathing.

Hebe Bay, named after a British survey ship that was out here very many years ago, possesses an ideal bathing beach. Being land-locked, there are never any waves to embarrass bathers and the Bay, even in present circumstances, is said to be better than Repulse Bay.

It is proposed to build a causeway across the mud flats at Shatin, and the area inside will then be reclaimed, so as to make provision for the largest recreation ground in the Colony.

It is anticipated that, in course of time, the importance of the Peninsula as a business and residential area will increase and, with this fact in view sites will be sold by auction for the purpose of erecting residences in the hills above Kowloon below the mist level.

The question of water supply is not expected to present any difficulties although the authorities are already thoroughly exploring the matter.

There is no doubt that the Colony is growing rapidly and the continual influx of Chinese to Kowloon has also been largely responsible for the development of the mainland. The scheme for the motor road, therefore, may be regarded as a decided step in the right direction. When business becomes more settled and expands, the way will then be open for the erection of blocks of offices and business premises on the Kowloon side of the Harbour to relieve the present congestion in Hong Kong.

Further, the new road will make possible the linking-up of other places in and around Kowloon which are at present almost inaccessible.

Financial details of the scheme are not yet available but it is understood that provision is likely to be made in next year's Budget for the work to be put in hand.

The construction of the road and other proposed innovations is estimated to take about three years, although, were sufficient funds available, it could be completed in one year. Work will commence at both ends simultaneously.

And having made an exhaustive examination for pen pressure in the genuine and disputed cheques do you repeat that the pressure is identical in both cases?—I do.

Witness further said that in his opinion it was not possible for the brain and hand to work together in copying pen pressure and other features with one movement of the hand. Form and pressure were closely connected.

Counsel: Can a man combine form, speed and pen pressure together?—I do not believe it to be possible.

His Lordship observed that the proceedings were getting near the end and he asked for the co-operation of counsel on both sides in the questions which will have to be put before the jury.

The case will be continued this morning.

CHILD SLAVERY.**ANTI-MUI TSAI SOCIETY URGES REGISTRATION.****"AN UPLIFTING MEASURE."**

[By J. D. BUSH.]

Mr. J. D. Bush, the honorary English secretary to the Anti-Mui Tsai Society, has expressed the views given below on the Mui Tsai question in Hong Kong:—

An Old Custom.

The domestic servitude in the Chinese family, known as the Mui Tsai system, which has once again been the subject of questions in the House of Commons recently, is an indefensible old custom that should not be tolerated in a British Colony like Hong Kong. The best instincts of Chinese and foreigners are against this practice of child slavery, in which most are sold as menial drudges without adequate food and accommodation, let alone wages of any kind, while others are sold into prostitution.

It is an evil that persists in many forms. The pity of it is that the Female Domestic Service Ordinance of 1923 remains nothing more than a dead letter to-day. Notwithstanding various efforts made to urge enforcement of registration of slave girls and adopted daughters, no action has ever been taken to effect a real improvement in the conditions in which they live.

The Society does not claim that registration is the only possible measure for checking the evil, but an immense amount of good could be done if the Government established a special agency or official (S.C.A. is already overburdened with work) to co-ordinate, organize and encourage in this work of reform.

Those entrusted with the task of tackling the problem, official or unofficial, should be entirely free from any bias and should be interested in the issue purely from the standpoint of getting rid of a social evil.

Many people object to registration. Others may be in sympathy with the reform, but think the time is not ripe for emancipating the slave girls and putting them on the basis of free labour.

It would not be too much to hope, at any rate, that the Government be persuaded to appoint at once a Board of Enquiry to look into the problem and adopt the most effective measure for uplifting the slave girl.

The following is a copy of a recent letter written by the Anti-Mui Tsai Society to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and it emphasizes the obstacles which the Society has to surmount in furnishing the Government with irrefutable instances of cruelty and malpractices.

Continued Trafficking.

8th May, 1929.
Hon. Mr. R. A. C. Nozma,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs,
Hong Kong.

Sir,—Since our verbal exchange of views on the subject of enforcing registration of Mui Tsai, I have duly transmitted to you a somewhat exhaustive report on the question at issue.

Considerable time has elapsed, enabling you to examine the details of the report and the suggested regulations for registration, and the Society would be grateful for a reply, indicating whether or not the Government is in a position to assent to the proposed measure for checking slavery in Hong Kong.

Judging by concrete complaints of ill-treatment, my Committee and I have every reason to believe that cruelty to, and purchase of, Mui Tsai, continue unabated and stronger measures should be adopted to put an end to the evil.

The heart of the whole matter, you will tell me, is to convince the Government of cruelty beyond any reasonable doubt. I need scarcely reiterate what is already set forth in my report on that score, except to remind you again that our Society is at once confronted with a twofold difficulty. First, to obtain the real co-ordination of effort between the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and Society to ferret out cases of cruelty. True enough, your assistants have spared no pains to investigate all cases brought before them. The trouble lies, however, in getting hold of the right Mui Tsai upon information supplied by anonymous letters. More often than not, the mistress resorts to substituting a normal girl for one, who bears the actual marks of cruelty.

Second, the extreme difficulty of establishing convictions in court for cruelty, as cases are not usually brought to our notice until some few days after the cruel birching and inhuman chastisement of the Mui Tsai.

So far as regards the buying and selling of Mui Tsai, there is not the shadow of a doubt in our mind that the trafficking goes on all the time. This leads me to bring to your notice a complaint lodged at our Society recently. The alleged facts of the case are as embodied in the statement attached. It is earnestly hoped that you will be good enough to examine further into the case, so that the girl may be restored to the custody of the mother.

I would appreciate a reply at your convenience, as I am desired to render a report at the next general committee meeting—Yours faithfully,

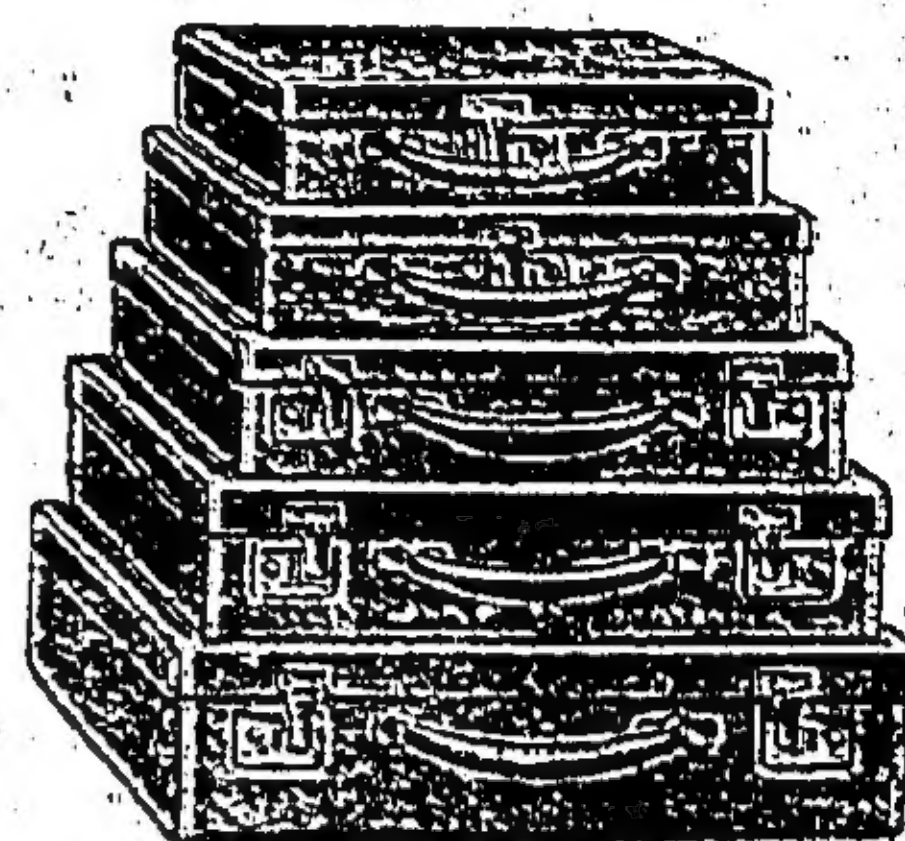
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., PEDDER STREET, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 14th MAY, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the proposed Extraordinary Resolution.

That Mr. ARCHEBAUD RITCHIE, Chartered Accountant, of the Firm of Messrs. LOW, SINHAM & MATTHEWS, be appointed to act as the Liquidator of the Company in conjunction with Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, during the Absence from the Colony of Mr. JOHN FLEMING, C.A., one of the originally appointed Liquidators of the Company.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 137 (2) of the Companies Ordinance 1911, A GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place on TUESDAY, 14th MAY, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, immediately after the Termination of the aforementioned Extraordinary General Meeting, for the purpose provided for in the said Section.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.
JOHN FLEMING, C.A.,
Joint Liquidators.
Hong Kong, 6th May, 1929. [7747]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONG KONG CLUB ANNEX, on FRIDAY, 17th MAY, 1929, at 5.10 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th Apr., 1929. [7716]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th MAY, and on MONDAY, 20th MAY, 1929, commencing at 3 P.M.

The First Ball will be rung at 2.30 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINTLAD & DAVIS, at \$5.00 Each Per Day Up to FRIDAY, 17th MAY, 1929.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00 Per Day.

Each Member can obtain, upon Application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 12 Ladies Free of Charge.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during Race Meetings.

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED IN EITHER ENCLOSURE ON ANY PRETEXT. [7780]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO. LIMITED.

PAYMENT OF INTERIM DIVIDEND ON SHARES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1929.

THE Board having declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Two Shillings Per Share, Free of Income Tax, for the Year ending 30th JUNE, 1929, Holders of Bearer Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares, will be paid their Dividends on presentation of Coupon No. 34 of the Bearer Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares, to either of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin—

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P. C. YOUNG,
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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on THURSDAY, 14th MAY, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The SHARE REGISTREE and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 23rd MAY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.
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Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [7724]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.20 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone to the north-west of Japan is stationary. A trough of low pressure, extends from India-China to the Lachew with depressions over Tongkong and to the south of the Loochoos.

Local Forecast:—S.W. or variable winds, light to moderate, cloudy, local thunder showers.

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HONG KONG, MAY 14, 1929.

DR. WANG'S APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

Once again the able Minister for Foreign Affairs has addressed a series of identical Notes to various Powers regarding the abolition of extra-territorial rights and privileges. Dr. Wang says that if the Powers could see their way to meet the wishes of the Chinese Government and people in this regard, it is certain that another obstacle to the full and frank co-operation between the Chinese people and foreigners would be happily removed. Dr. Wang, however, is preaching to the converted; it is to his own people he should address an appeal for the removal of such obstacles as exist to hinder full and frank co-operation with foreigners. The Great Powers all recognise that the special rights and privileges now enjoyed by their nationals, must, in the nature of things, disappear from China as they have vanished from Japan and other countries. The one preliminary essential to the surrender of these treaty rights is a guarantee that the interests of foreigners in China could and would be adequately protected. In Dr. Wang's prepared to say that the Government of which he is such a capable and respected member, is in a position to guarantee security of the persons and property of foreigners throughout the country. In his Note, the Foreign Minister says the legitimate rights and interests of foreigners "will not be unfavourably affected in the least by the relinquishment of the exceptional privileges they now possess." We do not doubt Dr. Wang really means what he says; we do not doubt that his colleagues in the Cabinet sincerely desire to carry out to the full the Foreign Minister's assurance—but what we do doubt very seriously is their ability to do so.

The assimilation of Western legal conceptions by Chinese jurists, and the incorporation of Western legal principles in Chinese jurisprudence have proceeded very rapidly, says Dr. Wang. Courts and prisons along modern lines have been and are being established throughout the country. This is all to the good, showing that China is steadily following along the lines taken by Japan and other countries in which extra-territorial privileges were formerly recognised. But something more than wise and upright judges, and more even than clean and comfortable prisons, is needed before the Powers can feel justified in meeting Dr. Wang's wishes. That "something" is tangible proof of the power, as well as the desire, of the National Government to give foreigners the protection they have a right to expect in a civilised country. The Chinese Minister to Washington, Dr. Wu, has been speaking in New York on this subject, but his attitude is not a very helpful one. "When a man goes to another country and does not like conditions there, he is not obliged to stay," says Dr. Wu. "China should not be compelled to alter her basic institutions so that they will be entirely to the liking of guests who may choose to reside within her boundaries," says the Chinese Minister to Washington.

This is a very skilful presentation of the case, but Dr. Wu's special pleading will not appeal to those who have any knowledge of the facts. There is no suggestion that China should alter her basic institutions entirely to the liking of foreigners. What is suggested is that the laws and customs of the country be so amended as to bring them into line with standards of Western civilisation. Incidentally, the Chinese must benefit by the change far more than foreigners; an efficient and independent judiciary, unafraid and unaffected by outside considerations of any kind, would be a boon to the masses of China.

But the difficulties surrounding the question of extra-territoriality are not simply concerned with the substitution of a Western for an Eastern legal code. That is only one phase of the problem—an important one, certainly, but not even the most important. The first essential is for the Chinese Government clearly to demonstrate its power and authority over its own people. What guarantee is there, as matters stand, that a pledge made by Dr. Wang in Nanking to-day will be honoured to-morrow in Shantung and in Canton? With the constant friction and jealousy which exist between various provincial authorities and the Central Government, what prospect is there of establishing that undisputed administrative authority throughout the country which is essential for confidence both at home and abroad? Not a week passes without news of trouble between the authorities at Nanking and some distant province, arising out of refusal to act upon instructions from the Central Government. These are obstacles to the abolition of extra-territoriality for which Chinese, not foreigners, are solely responsible. They are obstacles which only Chinese, and not foreigners, can remove. And they are obstacles which special pleaders, like Dr. Wu in New York, take very great pains to avoid mentioning. They prefer to represent China as being the victim of ruthless Western domination, instead of the victim of the incompetence, dishonesty, and treachery of her own leaders. Probably few of those who listened to Dr. Wu's moving address in New York were acquainted with the tragicomic conditions actually prevailing in China—where not only individuals but armies and navies are brazenly bought and sold to the highest bidder. The Chinese Minister was out to make the best of his case, but his presentation of the facts would not be accepted so readily at Washington as they appear to have been in New York.

As we write comes news that the United States is expected to reply to Dr. Wang's Note to the effect that, while ready to discuss the issue raised, the Government must stand by the conditions laid down in 1928. It will be remembered that four years earlier, at the Washington Conference, the Powers repeated their willingness to surrender extra-territorial rights as soon as adequate guarantees were forthcoming that foreigners would be adequately protected. In 1928 an International Commission was appointed to make an inquiry to ascertain whether any immediate modification of the system was possible. The result of that inquiry showed that although great progress had been made in regard to the judicial system, the members of the Commission—in view of prevailing conditions in the country generally—were unable to suggest any appreciable modification of the extra-territorial system. This was three years ago. Have conditions in China changed in any appreciable degree since 1928? Is there any more evidence of unification to-day than there was three years ago? Have recent events in Shantung and Canton shown that prevailing conditions in China are such that any foreign Power can look to the Nanking Government with complete confidence in its ability to make its writ run in any and every part of the country? We have sufficient regard for Dr. Wang to believe that, if directly challenged on the point, he would frankly confess that his Government has not got that power and authority which is necessary to permit of the immediate abolition of extra-territoriality. He knows that the main obstacles to that full co-operation between Chinese and foreigners for which he hopes, are those erected by his own countrymen, but, of course, as the cookman he may not say so. The change which he wants to see will come and must come, but the date of its coming depends upon the Chinese Government, more than any other. Having given plain proof of its ability to uphold its power and prestige among its own people, let it then demonstrate its ability adequately to protect foreigners and their property. The rest will be easy.

News and Views.

One case of Small-pox, and one of Diphtheria (in both cases Chinese) were reported in the Colony during the 48 hours ending May 12.

The new Austrian Chancellor Streinitz has sent a message of goodwill to German Chancellor Mueller emphasizing the close and hearty relations between the two nations.

The late Mr. Francis Harry Owen Wilson, of The Towers, Oxford-road, Colchester, retired solicitor, formerly of Hong Kong and Zanzibar, left £13,393 (net personalty £3,204).

The list of donors of prizes at the St. Joseph's College sports, in addition to those mentioned in the report of the function, includes Dr. S. A. M. Sopher, Mr. W. G. Fitzgibbon and Mr. Ah Thwong.

A dinner is to be held in the Hong Kong Hotel on May 30 to which all serving and ex-officers of the Royal Engineers are invited. Details may be obtained from Capt. C. A. de Linde, R.E. Headquarters, China Command.

China will take 150,000 tons of Cuban sugar, this coming year, in the opinion of Miguel Angel Campa, Under-Secretary of State. The estimate came from data gathered in the study of a new trade treaty between the two countries.

It was reported to the Thames Conservancy that a man summoned for shooting fish in the Thames had been fined 10s. The chairman (Lord Desborough) asked what the fish was and was told that a man had shot a pike while it was on top of the water, with an airgun.

Brazilian exports in 1928 were worth £489,000,000, exceeding imports by more than \$33,000,000. Products showing an increase over 1927 included coffee \$33,000,000, frozen meat \$5,000,000, and hides, manganese and fruit. Decreases were recorded in rice, sugar, rubber, cotton and dried meats.

Readers will no doubt regret to hear that Mr. D. J. Evans, the manager and editor, and Mr. R. B. Barratt, the news editor of the Daily Press, are on the sick list, the former with sciatica and the latter with influenza. Despite this serious depletion of the editorial staff, the "D.P." is still right to the fore with plenty of bright and interesting news.

There was a diversion at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday when Inspector Stimson charged the wife of a Shantung constable, attached to Mongkok Police Station, with wasting water on police premises. A fine of \$3 was imposed. In cases in which various defendants were charged with washing clothes within 100 yards of a street fountain, fines of \$2 each were imposed.

The annual general meeting of the Canton Masonic Club was held in the Club. Mr. Bro. Hoffmeister was in the chair. The meeting confirmed the new bye-law drawn up by the Committee which will empower ladies to use the Club at all hours except when a Masonic meeting is in progress, and also voted certain minor alterations and improvements to the building and interior decorations.

Queer Advice.

A very remarkable suggestion is put forward with all seriousness in a letter appearing in our morning contemporary. The writer proposes that Hong Kong be made the centre of British trade in China—to the exclusion of all other import trade. All British exports for the China market are to be shipped to Britain's "Godown," and none but British goods are to be admitted. Chinese merchants in Canton and Shanghai will have all their purchases of British goods consigned to Hong Kong, where they will be stored until delivery is desired. Hong Kong will thus become the godown of China—the stronghold from which British trade can once again become paramount in China. Neither the Germans nor the Italians have any colonies anywhere near China to serve as a base for retaliatory measures, and the French possession is too far away to affect the scheme. Possibly so, in which case our Portuguese friends would be very quick to seize the opportunity. With Hong Kong definitely closed to all but British trade, would Britain's competitors for China business merely quit the field, or would they—like keen business-men—seek another base of operations, and transfer their offices and their freight to Macao? Moreover, what of the British firms in Hong Kong holding very profitable non-British agencies? How would they regard a proposal to admit only British goods to Hong Kong? Local merchants are urged to "seize with both hands the opportunity which lies at their feet," but such a fatuous scheme is not worth the effort of stooping even to examine more closely.

Mrs. Butcher, whose death at Suex on Sunday was reported from Port Said, embarked on the P. & O. Naldra from Singapore, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Butcher, bound for home, where she was to undergo treatment for indifferent health, which had confined her to the house for a long period. She was in very good spirits when she left but apparently at her advanced age the journey proved too great a strain. Mrs. Butcher possessed many friends in Singapore, where she had lived about 46 years, for the greater part of the time as Keppel Harbour. She had spent many years in the East, in India and Hong Kong, where her son was employed. Her death when so near home will be deeply regretted by her friends. Mrs. Butcher was a half sister of Dame Mary Scharlieb, the well known doctor.

The Paris Municipal Council has decided that the fine thoroughfare stretching from the Arc de Triomphe to the Bois de Boulogne will henceforth be known as Avenue Foch. Instructions have been given for the nameplates to be changed. Paris will, of course, have a statue to Marshal Foch, and it would be in accordance with the fitness of things that it should stand in the Avenue Foch. Thus, while under the Arc de Triomphe reposes the Unknown Soldier, a symbol of French bravery and sacrifice, the avenue leading from it will be a permanent memory of the great soldier who led the Allied armies to victory.

A Shanghai Innovation.

Mr. Hiram Bingham, a prominent member of the United States Senate, visited China and the Philippines, and, as is the way with tourists, formed some very definite opinions about problems which he only partially understood. His main criticism was of what he called "Nordic snobbery," and he now hails with pleasure the fact that the American Club in Shanghai has decided to admit Chinese to full membership. The worthy Senator would have made more friends in the East had he been less prejudiced and one-sided, but he was right in believing that the relations between European and Asiatic can do with a good deal of improvement, and the Shanghai experiment will be watched with great interest. It is doubtless no more than a gesture, and the club membership will remain predominantly American. Chinese members being restricted to persons of great importance in trade or politics whom it is advisable to know.

Employed Men on the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Mr. Dunnicot told a London report that he discovered in his own constituency of Consett that a number of people were being relieved from the Lord Mayor's Fund who were working full-time six days a week. The explanation, he says, is that the limit of income for those who are to benefit by the Lord Mayor's Fund is that any household relieved should have less than 7s. 6d. a week per head of the household. No relief can be given where the income per head per household is over that modest amount. Yet a large number of people in the Consett Division are being quite rightly and regularly relieved from the fund. The money was given to the Lord Mayor's Fund, of course, with the intention of assisting those who were unemployed. Mr. Dunnicot suggests that this means that the relief is in fact becoming in these cases a subsidy to inadequate wages. Needless to say he does not want the relief to be stopped. He wants to draw attention to the wages.

Why Churches are Boring.

Resuming his consideration of Mr. Arnold Bennett's survey of religion in England, Dean Inge writes in the Evening Standard:—If religion means, as I have said, the communion of the soul of man with God, or with the Spirit-Christ, it is so certain that it is rarer than it used to be! The question is impossible to answer confidently. I am inclined to think that our generation is somewhat less religious than the last, but I am not at all sure that I am right; and it would be absurd to decide the question by appealing to the statistics of church-attendance. I think the aftermath of the War has left people careless and reckless; but I think this mood will pass away. To be quite honest, I am not surprised that our young people are bored with our church services. Why should we exhort the working man to "think upon Babah and Babylon," when he wants to think upon America and Germany? Why should he sing, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem," when it is London that he wishes to remember? Half of our services are as antiquated as battle-axes and cross-bows. And yet if attempts are made to bring the Prayer Book up to date, the tremendous conservatism of the churchgoer comes into play; and if the laity in Parliament try to use their undoubted rights over a book which is really the schedule of an Act of Parliament, the bishops and clergy are on their hind legs at once, screaming about Erastianism and the independence of the Church.

Once again Mr. Churchill has returned to his beloved bricklaying, and he spent the greater part of a day, recently, building a wall on the fruit garden of his country home, Chartwell Manor, Westerham, in Kent. He was not the only bricklayer on the job, but he was certainly one of the quickest. His little "tiff" some time ago with the Bricklayers' Union had by no means cramped his style, and his old felt hat and traces of cement on his working clothes, with the absence of waistcoat and collar, helped to make him the picture of contentment. But, though he appeared to be just laying bricks, he was undoubtedly thinking about the Budget all the time. Mr. Churchill will probably remain at Chartwell Manor until Parliament sits again after the Easter recess.

Smuggled Rum in Hen-run.

The discovery of four large bottles of rum and five packages of cigars in a hen-run at Goble resulted in Henry Gabriel being charged with smuggling. Police Constable King said that he noticed an unusual package in a hen-run around which hens were scratching. With Customs officers he investigated the package, and found that it contained unopened bottles of rum and a quantity of cigars. Gabriel admitted having smuggled the goods when on a voyage from Boulogne to Goble, and he was fined £7.50. Constable King was complimented by the magistrates on his vigilance.

No Demand for Perambulators.

Perambulator manufacturers in Birmingham are blaming the teachers of methods of birth control for the present slackness in their industry. They declare that there has been a serious decline in the demand for perambulators since birth control instruction became general, and they are contemplating a campaign for an increase in the birth rate. "Perambulator manufacturers are determined to lend their aid to any movement for increase in the birth rate," said Mr. T. W. Luckett, managing director of Thomas Luckett and Son, Ltd., one of the largest manufacturers of baby cars in the kingdom. It will be suggested at the next meeting of the Perambulator Board of Trade—a new official organization that we ourselves should organize a movement to encourage a rapid increase in the population. "We shall, of course, seek the alliance of the Churches, and probably seek to bring pressure to bear on candidates for Parliament with a view to obtaining an increased maternity benefit which, we shall suggest, should be made larger with each child born to the family." Mr. Luckett added that if such Government aid was forthcoming the perambulator manufacturers might formulate a scheme to provide a free baby-car to every mother on the birth of her seventh or eighth child.

LOCAL WEDDING.

LEUNG-KWONG.

A very well attended reception was held in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant yesterday following the wedding of Miss Lily Leung to Mr. Canton Kwong.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leung Yuen Wo. Her father is well known as the Chairman of the Associated Union of Chinese Seamen. Mr. Canton Kwong, the bridegroom, is an import and export merchant. The bride was dressed in a charming compromise between Chinese and Western styles, wearing a "Shanghai dress" of richly brocade white silk, with a long veil of silk tulle secured by a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white flowers.

The usual congratulatory speeches were made and the bride and groom toasted with much acclamation.

A dinner was given last night at the Tung Yat Restaurant, West Point, by the bride's parents to celebrate the occasion.

MASKED ROBBER STABS WOMAN.

REPORT FROM SHEUNG SHUI.

A case of attempted robbery and wounding was reported from Shui Han village, Sheung Shui, yesterday.

It appears that a Chinese widow and her sister-in-law were asleep when one of them was roused by the noise made by an intruder in the cockpit.

When the alarm was raised the robber made a hurried exit without having gathered anything, and before his departure he stabbed one of the women in the wrist. He had his face masked.

FUNDS FOR THE FIGHT.

(Wah Tsai Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 13.

The Ministry of Finance has sanctioned the request of General Ho Chien to set aside a sum of \$700,000 from the salt revenue for the expenses of the attack on Kwangsi.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Minister of Finance, has wired to General Ho Chien to this effect.

CHINA AND THE FOREIGNER.

EXTRALITY DISCUSSION.

NO ABOLITION LIKELY AS YET.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 12. It is understood that foreign Governments with interests in China, approached by the U.S. State Department regarding their views on extraterritorial rights, have informed Mr. H. L. Stimson that they are not willing to relinquish their rights in China immediately.

It will be recalled that the Chinese Minister in Washington recently took up informally with the State Department the question of the early abandonment of United States extraterritorial rights. The State Department it is learned, proceeded to make confidential enquiries of Britain, Japan, France and other countries holding extraterritorial privileges in China, and all replied in the sense indicated.

It is expected that the United States Government will inform the Chinese Minister that they are willing to discuss the matter, but must stand by the conditions laid down in the Report of the Extraterritoriality Commission which met in Peking in 1928, for the gradual release of rights in accordance with Chinese ability adequately to protect foreigners and their property.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, May 13. Yesterday witnessed further troop movements up the Peking-Hankow Railway from here, and passenger traffic is now completely suspended. It is generally believed that the situation is bound to come to a head within a few days.

FOREIGN CONCESSION IN AMOY.

(Nam Cheung Pao).

An appeal was recently made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the people of Amoy asking for the rendition of the foreign concession at Kuangsu (opposite Amoy). The Ministry has instructed the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Amoy to discuss the matter with the French Consul there.

THE OTHER WAY ROUND.

U.S. PATROL BOATS HELD BY CANADA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OTTAWA, May 13. A Canadian Government patrol boat has taken into custody five salmon fishing vessels, belonging to United States citizens, on the charge of violating the International Fishing regulations.

BRITAIN'S BABY PLANE.

TO GO INSIDE A SUBMARINE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, May 12. A small aeroplane, that has been specially built to go into a submarine, is one of the secret exhibits that will be revealed for the first time at the International Aero Exhibition, to be opened at Olympia by the Prince of Wales in July. The machine is the outcome of some years of experiment and is one of the most modern developments of aircraft science. Several other Royal Air Force machines which have hitherto been kept secret will be on view at Olympia.

CUSTOMS MAN'S NEAT CAPTURE.

WEALTHY WOMAN SMUGGLER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, May 13. A veteran Customs inspector here has made a neat capture. He noticed that a wealthy Boston woman, whose baggage he was examining, kept putting her hand to the back of her fur collar, whereupon the inspector contrived to touch the collar and felt something hard therein. The inspector then examined the coat and found a diamond bracelet in the lining. The woman was later charged and fined \$3,000, for this and other undeclared articles.

GERMAN AIR ROUTES.

LUFTHANSA REDUCES SCHEDULE.

SERIOUS COMPETITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 13. As a result of the reduction in the subsidy to Lufthansa, the German airway's concern, the company's summer time-table shows that various services, notably those to foreign countries, have been cut out.

Only 4,375,000 miles will be flown in 1929, compared with 6,250,000 last year.

Foreign aviation companies are for the first time becoming active competitors of Lufthansa.

FUNDAMENTALISM AGAIN!

UNIVERSITY FACULTY DISMISSED.

U.S. SENSATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, May 12. The entire Faculty of the University of Des Moines (Iowa) have been dismissed apparently for failure to agree with the fundamental views of the Baptists Bible Union which recently took charge of the University. The Faculty, however, have been accorded the privilege of applying for reinstatement in June.

Tumultuous scenes were witnessed in the University itself when the decision was announced. Students hooted and "boomed" the Board of Trustees, and the President was pelted with bad eggs and garbage. Windows were smashed and furniture hurled about the common rooms.

Police Called In.

The students refused to listen to explanations but continued to jeer at members of the Board who attempted to speak. As a last resort, the police were called in to restore order.

Des Moines University represents the *ne plus ultra* of American fundamentalism. During the past two years all modern geologists, psychologists, and other evolutionists have been ousted and any suspicion of unorthodoxy or modernism has been severely stamped out.

Higher criticism of the Bible is regarded as an invention of the devil.

Canadian Spies.

The President of the Board of Trustees is Dr. Thomas Shields, minister of a Baptist Church in Toronto. Several students were arrested when the crowd of collegians pursued two Canadians, whom they believed belonged to a "Canadian espionage system," but were afterwards released.

Triumphant Return.

Toronto, May 13. Dr. Shields has arrived here from Des Moines. He received an ovation at the station from hundreds of his congregation.

WOMAN POLICE OFFICIAL REPLACED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TROUBLE IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 12. Mr. Whalen, Chief of Police in New York City, has replaced Mrs. Mary Sullivan, the Director of the Women's Bureau of the New York Police Department, by a male police officer.

The dismissal of Mrs. Sullivan is the result of protests from all over the country against a recent raid in New York by women police on a Birth Control Clinic, one of the many established in the United States by Margaret Sanger, who is the "Marie Stope" of America. The conduct of the women police on this occasion, and the fact that the private medical history sheets of the women patients were removed as evidence, has caused a storm of indignation in medical circles.

ST. JEAN D'ARC FESTIVAL.

PARIS EN FETE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

The streets of Paris were gaily decorated with flags and flowers on the occasion of the St. Joan of Arc National Fete on Saturday and Sunday. M. Painleve (Minister of War) and M. Tardieu (Minister of the Interior) participated in the ceremony and placed flowers on St. Joan's statue.

RUSSIA SHORT OF BREAD.

DRASTIC RATIONING MEASURES.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, May 12. Mr. Klein, the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Commerce Department, in the course of a wireless talk to-day, said that Russia's gravest problem at the present time was a shortage of grain.

There was a scarcity of bread in every Soviet city, he said, while drastic rationing had been imposed, and prices were mounting rapidly. It is said that the peasants are leaving their farms.

Russia will be compelled to import probably half a million tons of grain before the Spring harvest, presumably from the Argentine. If this is done, as seems absolutely necessary, the purchase will completely exhaust the Soviet State Bank gold reserve and will absorb a large portion of the Government's foreign exchange.

Meanwhile it is stated that there is approximately 50,000,000 bushels of wheat in Canada at the present time, awaiting export orders.

HELP FOR LLOYD GEORGE.

FROM FOCH'S LATE A.D.C.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LONDON—Lloyd George received unexpected support in his election campaign through the publication of a series of articles entitled "Foch Talks" written by the great Frenchman's aide-de-camp, Commandant Charles Bugnet.

The articles which were published in the *Evening News* quote Foch as saying of Lloyd George:

"During the war days he saw everything clearly. He even invented me."

And again: "It is Lloyd George who has contributed the most toward the attainment of the unified command."

Liberals make no secret of the welcome of this support, for it is widely admitted that the Liberal ex-Premier was at his best when leading his country through the dark days of 1914-18.

DISTURBANCES IN ATHENS.

COMMUNISTS DEFEY POLICE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

In view of impending Communist agitation, May Day celebrations at Athens were banned by the authorities. As a result of agitation, the Government finally ceded a point and altered the ban to a postponement until Sunday May 12.

Attempts on the part of the Communist faction to cause trouble and the decision on the part of the Confederation of Labour to suspend transport services for five hours led the police to make over 100 precautionary arrests. Proclamations were posted prohibiting all Communist meetings in the city itself.

Despite these precautions, the agitators defied the police. Several disturbances occurred until the authorities finally decided to take no action. Matters then became quiet, and the postponed celebrations passed off without further incident.

LABOUR SURPRISE IN QUEENSLAND.

BIG DEFEAT IN GENERAL ELECTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

The defeat of the Labour Party in the Queensland general election is apparently more severe than was indicated by previous figures. Latest figures are:—

Nationalist 44
Labour 26
Independent 2

So far, Labour has lost 17 seats and the Nationalists have gained 15. The remaining 2 seats lost by Labour were secured by the Independents.

This result has come as a great surprise in Colonial political circles, for it had been anticipated that Labour would again secure a sweeping victory.

MEMORIAL TO BRITISH DEAD.

UNVEILED IN BELGRADE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Impressive scenes attended the unveiling of a memorial erected to the memory of 41 British soldiers who are buried in Nish cemetery.

MYSTERY OF MISSING GUARDSMAN.

ALLEGED HE WAS BULLIED.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE DESERTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

When the Officer of the Guard at Buckingham Palace made his rounds with the relieving guard on the night of May 1, he was not challenged by one of the sentries. Halting the relieving guard, he stepped forward to investigate and alone his torch into the sentrybox which, to his surprise, was deserted. The sentry's rifle, with bayonet fixed, was standing in a corner and his busby and greatcoat were lying on the floor.

An Alarm Sounded.

Fearing that foul play had occurred, the officer raised the alarm. An extensive search was made of the Palace grounds. Lights were flashed into dark corners and a double guard was posted.

Special detectives co-operated with the military in the search, care being taken not to disturb any of the Royal Family who were sleeping in the Palace.

No suspicious characters were found, however, nor was any trace discovered of the missing sentry, Pte. George Sivewright, of the Scots Guards.

The disappearance remained a mystery despite the fact that the police all over the country were hunting for clues.

The Mystery Solved.

On Sunday morning, May 12, a gaunt, emaciated man staggered into Aberdeen police station in an exhausted condition. He was unshaven and ragged and his boots were broken and worn. His feet were blistered and bleeding from long tramping.

As the duty sergeant stepped forward to assist him, the man collapsed.

Medical assistance was summoned and the man was revived. It was then discovered that he was the missing sentry. He confessed that he had deserted and walked from London to Aberdeen to see his mother.

He told the police that his life was made unbearable by bullying on the part of non-commissioned officers and he could stand the strain no longer. He had not seen his mother but had given himself up to the police on account of his exhausted condition.

He was allowed to see her and was then handed over to an escort and taken back to London.

This is the first occasion of desertion while on sentry duty in the long history of the Royal Guard.

WINDSOR'S WELCOME TO THE KING.

CIVIC CEREMONY ARRANGED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, May 12. Windsor is preparing a civic welcome for H.M. the King, who, with the Queen, will leave Bognor by motor-car on Wednesday morning, arriving at Windsor Castle in time for luncheon.

ECHO OF A MURDER.

DEATH OF MAN WHO SAID HE HAD SEEN HIS COFFIN.

By the death of Joseph Shields, at the age of 79, of South Turbun, an echo has been provided of a murder at Willington, Durham, as long ago as 1873. Turnbull, who lived with his parents at High-street, Willington, and worked as a coal-miner, was arrested and tried for the murder of a man named Hagan, at Willington.

He was sentenced to death at Durham Assizes, but before the day fixed for his execution the sentence was commuted to one of penal servitude for life. Turnbull often referred to himself as the man who had seen his own coffin.

Largely through the efforts of the late Sir Joseph Pease, M.P., Turnbull was released on ticket-of-leave about Christmas time in 1887, after serving a little over 14 years in prison. After his return home, the people of Willington helped Turnbull to establish a general dealer's business, but it was not successful, and he went to work in a Brancepeth pit.

A few years later he went to live on Tyneside.

U.S. DISARMAMENT FORMULA.

THE BRITISH EXPERTS SCEPTICAL.

NOT PRACTICABLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 13. The *Daily Telegraph's* naval correspondent writes to-day saying that the formula drawn up by the United States' naval experts for the reduction of fighting fleets is now being scrutinized by British experts.

The formula, it is stated, lays down as a maximum strength in cruisers, a tonnage of 250,000, a figure which would involve a heavy reduction in the American building programme, and the wholesale scrapping of British warships.

British naval experts, says the *Telegraph's* correspondent, express the opinion that the figure mentioned would be utterly insufficient for British requirements as, after providing for the battle fleet, barely a dozen cruisers would be available for the defence of the British trade routes throughout the world.

A Contradiction.

London, May 13. Reuter learns that the report that Britain has received details of the American Naval Disarmament plans is incorrect. The Government only possesses the general plan outlined by Mr. Gibson at Geneva.

Foreign Affairs.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]
RUGBY, May 12. Mr. Stanley Baldwin's election address, which has been issued to his constituency, is a lengthy document in which the activities of his Government and its future aims are fully dealt with. The section of the address dealing with foreign affairs declares that the promotion of peace and disarmament has been the prime object of their foreign policy, and that policy has proved successful over the whole field of foreign affairs.

The improvement is the international situation wrought by important treaties, such as the Locarno Treaty and the Kellogg Pact, leads his Ministers to look with confidence for an early advance towards disarmament.

Imperial Defence.

Mr. Baldwin says they have set a notable example in the reduction of armaments, and along with this reduction in fighting strength they have progressively reduced the cost of Imperial Defence, despite considerable programmes of replacement in all the Services, necessitated by modern conditions.

In 1929-30, the total estimated expenditure on defence services shows a reduction of approximately 27,500,000 as compared with the corresponding cost in 1924-25. The development of the League of Nations is, says Mr. Baldwin, the cardinal principle of his Party's foreign policy. The importance of the attitude by the present Government to the work of the League is illustrated by the fact that Great Britain has been continuously represented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the Council and in the Assembly of the League.

Peace Measures.

"We welcome, as the fruit of this consistent policy, the advance recently made at Geneva towards an international agreement for the reduction of armaments, and we greatly hope for a further advance in this direction on the lines of the proposals foreshadowed by representatives of the United States of America."

"We shall continue in every sphere of foreign policy to act in closest consultation and co-operation with the Governments of the Dominions. I believe this to be essential if the unity of the Empire and its influence in councils of the world is to be maintained."

THAT ROOSEVELT BOMB!

A NEGRO'S CONFESSION.

The "heroic" negro porter who stampped on a burning parcel in the New York main-post-office and so brought about the discovery of a bomb addressed to Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Governor of New York, confessed to the United States District Attorney that he had manufactured the bomb himself, and had placed it where it was discovered.

He had hoped, he said, to gain recognition of his "terrorism" in the shape of increased pay. The bomb he made contained black powder, but there was no possibility that it could be exploded.

BRITISH LADIES' GOLF.

HOLDER NOT TO DEFEND TITLE.

MISS COLLETT'S SUCCESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

St. Andrew's, May 13. The British Ladies' Golf Championship started here to-day. The holder, Miss Le Blau of France, now Madame de la Chaume, will not defend the title.

In the first round Miss Enid Wilson, holder of the English Championship, beat Miss Joy Wynn (Aldeburgh) by 3 and 2. Miss Glenna Collett (the American Champion) beat Miss Marjorie White, of Rochampton, by 5 and 3.

ARRESTED IN THE DARK.

ROMANTIC EPISODE MISTAKEN.

What at first appeared to be a case of housebreaking was revealed to the Leeds magistrates as a romantic episode. When John Moran, 28, of Markham-avenue, was charged, on remand, with burglary, it was stated that soon after one in the morning Mr. Henry T. Ringrose, of Arndcliffe-road, West Park, was aroused by the sound of breaking glass. He telephoned to the police, and later discovered that a window had been broken.

Police officers afterwards saw Moran, whose thumb was bandaged with a handkerchief, in Otley-road. Accused then remarked: "I am the man you want. My young lady is at the house."

An officer stated that Moran, who had a very good character, was under the influence of drink when arrested. He had been keeping company with a maid employed at the house, but they had had "a tiff." The officer added that he was now quite satisfied that Moran did not go to the house with any felonious intent, but that he had broken the window in order to attract the girl's attention.

Moran was discharged.

FATHER FOUND BLEEDING.

ALLEGED SHOOTING BY 19-YEAR-OLD SON.

Alleged to have shot at his father with intent to murder him, Victor Morgan, 19, a collier's helper, of Bleneytown, was brought before the Magistrates at Pontypool.

The injured man, Charles Morgan, 57, lies in Pontypool and District General Hospital with wounds on the left side of the face, neck, and shoulder. Accused lived with his parents on a farm on the mountain-side between the Eastern and Western Valleys of Monmouthshire.

It was alleged that they had a disagreement, and that the boy, picking up a double-barrelled gun, followed his father out of the house. Hearing a shot, other members of the family rushed out and found Mr. Morgan bleeding from wounds.

The son was taken into custody at Newport, where it was stated, he went up to a policeman and declared, "I have shot my father."

Sergeant Davies gave evidence that when charged accused replied, "I did not mean to hurt him. I fired only just to frighten him."

A remand was ordered.

Senior Arosemena, Secretary for Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama, and Major Braithwaite Wallis, the British Minister, have exchanged ratifications of the treaty of September 26, 1928, ensuring to Great Britain most-favoured-nation treatment.

The King of Bulgaria, who is on an unofficial visit to Berlin, called upon President von Hindenburg. The President, on account of his recent indisposition, did not return the visit in person, but sent his card through the Secretary of State, Herr Meisner.

The next International Housing and Town Planning Congress, arranged by the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning, will be held in Rome from September 14 to 19, after a preliminary meeting at Milan on September 12. The congress recently held in Spain was that of the International Union of Towns.

A large number of unemployed in Adelaide visited the office of Mr. Butler, the Premier, and demanded an interview. When this was refused, they attempted to force the door, but were held back by the police. Later the demonstrators went to the Trades Hall, where noisy scenes occurred, and the caretaker was roughly handled.

For the purpose of hearing two cases within the Moroccan jurisdiction of the Gibraltar Supreme Court, the Chief Justice, the Registrar, and the Clerk left Gibraltar for Morocco. One case arises out of a motor-car collision in which the British Vice-Consul at Marrakesh was involved. The Court will then proceed to Casablanca to hear a divorce case.

Telegrams in Brief.

In a letter to the London Press, Sir James Barry appeals to the public to subscribe to the One Million Shillings National Testimonial to Sir Ronald Ross, whose health has been seriously impaired by his strenuous research work in the tropics, and who has been obliged for some years to draw on his capital for family necessities.

The death is announced of the septuagenarian, Mr. Lovell Birge Harrison, the well-known American landscape painter.

The New York police announce that the sexagenarian, Mr. Edmund Quinn, who is one of the foremost of America's domestic sculptors, attempted to commit suicide by taking poison, but that he is now improving.

The British Board of Trade returns for the month of April show that imports during the month totalled over £104,000,000, as compared with £95,000,000 in April of last year and £98,000,000 in the month of March this year. Exports also show considerable expansion. Their value last month exceeded £50,000,000, which is £1,500,000 more than the total for the preceding month and nearly £2,000,000 more than the total in April of last year. Coal exports represented in value nearly £1,000,000 more than those of April of last year.

Two ballots at municipal elections throughout France have resulted in very little change in the general political composition of the municipal bodies. In Paris the Government majority has been raised from 47 to 52 seats, against 23 in the Opposition.

A committee has been formed in Moscow to alleviate the distress among "proletarian adolescents." There are 49,000 registered unemployed aged between 16 and 18.

M. Paul Sarasin, the scientist and traveller, has died at Basel, aged 72. He spent several years in the East, and published a book on his scientific researches in Ceylon.

Official figures just issued show that the mineral production of Ontario last year was valued at over £20,000,000. The chief metals mined are gold, nickel, copper, and silver.

The Yugoslav Foreign Office has announced that the Cabinet had ratified the Salonika Convention signed on March 17 in Geneva and recently ratified by the Greek Parliament.

At Tel Aviv Sir John Chancellor, the High Commissioner, opened the Palestine and Near East Exhibition. There was a very large gathering, the occasion marking the 20th anniversary of the foundation of Tel Aviv.

Mr. Gault Macgowan has been appointed managing editor of the *Trinidad Guardian*. Mr. G. S. Huggins, director of the Trinidad Publishing Company, is returning to Port of Spain.

It is reported from Melilla that Moorish fishermen, in drawing in their nets, discovered the bodies of two Spanish airmen in uniform. It is supposed that these are the corpses of Major Kaulak and Captain Teulier, who disappeared on December 31, last, while flying from Spain to Morocco. Their aeroplane was subsequently found empty off the coast near Oran.

Evangelical and Roman Catholic communities in Germany have agreed to make the experiment of establishing a Joint Conciliation Committee for the consideration of questions of competence or other disputes which may arise between the two denominations. The committee, which at any rate on the Protestant side for the time being is to be regarded as a private undertaking, has already been formed, and consists of ten prominent members of each Church representing all parts of the country.

Mr. Justice R. E. A. Greenhalghs has been appointed Acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, and Mr. Justice J. A. Macdonald Chief Justice of the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

According to a report issued by the Association for the Protection of Game in Australia, 40 per cent. of the herds of roebuck perished during the severe winter. Red deer and chamois apparently fared much better.

The United States Supreme Court denied to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company the right to increase fares on its subways and elevated railways in New York from 5c [24c]—the figure specified in its charter—to 7c.

Members of the Franco-Scottish Association, who are holding their annual meeting at the Cité Universitaire in Paris, were received at the Hotel de Ville. Speeches were made by the President of the Municipal Council, by M. Garnier, and by Lord Blair.

Mr. Gullett, the Minister for Trade and Customs, is withdrawing permits for the export of Australian birds. Exceptions are made in the case of zoological collections and for birds intended as ship's pets. He bases his action on his distress at seeing hundreds of caged birds in pitiful conditions in Islington markets.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

QUOTATIONS.

Quotations at Saturday's local market for rice, and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per picul
Hung Fei Yau	87.42
Hung Sing	7.11
Fa Lam, Unglutinous	7.01
Ching See	7.38
Ching Ling Chee	7.33
Hung Po Lo	7.33
Hung Ng Fook	7.33
Shing Tsz, Broken	7.45
No. 1 White	7.66
Green Seal, Glutinous	7.67
Green Seal, Glutinous Broken	6.92
Red Seal, Glutinous granulated	5.98
Woo Muk Keng	5.92
Black Seal, Broken	6.02
Black Seal, Pokmei	5.92
Red Seal, No. 1 granulated	5.94

Miscellaneous.

No. 13 Coarse granulated sugar	8 6.73
No. 24 Coarse granulated sugar	7.33
Red Copper plate	34.80
White Pepper, Siam	125.00
Dried Mushroom, Tung Koo	250.00
Fish Maw	250.00

AMERICAN COTTON.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have kindly forwarded us the following report, dated April 18, from Messrs. Hornby, Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:—

Quiet markets have ruled during the past week, and prices are unchanged. Manchester has reported a very quiet enquiry for cloth, and only a limited turnover has been effected. Satisfactory reports are to hand regarding textile activity in America. The Textile Association's report for March shows sales at about 20 per cent. over production, with stocks decreased by 7.4 per cent. and an increase in unfilled orders of about 7 per cent. There has been talk of the textile strike in the South spreading. The Census Bureau reported the March consumption in America at 833,000 bales, which was somewhat higher than expected, and compares with 506,000 bales the previous month and 581,000 bales in March last year. The distribution of American cotton to the world's spinners last week was 308,000 bales, bringing the total so far this season to 19,530,000 bales, as against 11,618,000 bales in the corresponding period last season.

EMPIRE COTTON.

Business has been quiet in Brazilian and East Indian descriptions during the past week, but good business has been done in Peruvians. Sales: 1,200, 630 and 5,150 bales respectively. Writing on the 25th ult., one of our Bombay correspondents says that prices of Broach having eased in the interior, there is now a fair demand for this quality from mills and exporters. The tone of the local mill position appears to have improved, and work has been resumed at most mills. Bombay stocks are now estimated at 1,563,000 bales, compared with 1,034,000 at the same time last year.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

The market has been very quiet during the past week with, on the whole, a sagging tendency. The Egyptian Government report of the earnings up to the end of March was issued yesterday and gave the following figures:—Said 2,270,785 cantars, Other Varieties 4,994,632, Sarte 210,073. Total 7,475,500 cantars. The total was more or less as expected. In a preliminary report on his visit to the Sudan, the Managing Director of the British Cotton Growing Association states that the progress made in Gezira in the past three years has been enormous. 120,000 acres are under cotton of the Sakel type.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rupee, May 12.	
Paris	124.225
New York	4.854
Brussels	34.944
Geneva	55.20
Amsterdam	12.082
Milan	82.445
Berlin	50.465
Stockholm	18.165
Copenhagen	18.195
Oslo	24.325
Vladivostok	164
Prague	183
Helsingfors	24.045
Madrid	1664
Lisbon	875
Athens	8074
Bucharest	5 87/64
Rio	47 11/32
Buenos Aires	1/5 29/32
Bombay	2/4
Shanghai	1/11 1/2
Hong Kong	1/10 5/32
Yokohama	224
Silver, spot & forward	

HONG KONG TRADE NOTES.

The market for coffee from Sourabaya is slack and transactions are few.

The market for metals, especially that of iron and copper, is quiet and quotations have fallen.

Since the Canton trouble, prices of edibles from some of the country districts have been high and the current price is over forty dollars per picul for fresh water fish, nearly fifty per cent. higher than usual.

All steam launches normally plying between Hong Kong and Wuchow have suspended sailing for the time being. Although the Tai Ming has resumed sailing between Hong Kong and Wuchow, she will not call at usual ports along the river.

The sugar market has continued to slump heavily although the granulated and brown sugar factories have continued production in the hope that the market will improve. There has been an over-supply and goods have been overstocked.

Tea merchants have received advice from Wenchow that large amounts of new black tea have been imported into Shanghai from Wenchow in Chekiang Province. It is understood that a fair amount of Wenchow tea will be imported into this Colony.

RUBBER MARKETS.

IMPROVED UNDERTONE.

Messrs. Baker Morgan & Co., Kuala Lumpur, report:—Rubber, after a dull period of comparative inactivity, closed rather better in all markets and with an improved undertone apparent. Shipments from Malaya, although high, have caused no particular effect, having, apparently, been discounted well in advance. Whilst it is believed that American consumption is being maintained at a high figure, the current month's shipments from Malaya are expected by most people to show an appreciable reduction. Granted that these forecasts prove to be correct, an improvement may be looked for before long.

The tin commodity market has shown no sign of intrinsic strength and has, in the periodic absence of group support, sagged considerably. Closing quotations are \$199.10 for three months delivery (down 21) and \$197 for spot (down 15). Spot at one time declined to \$195 but rose again on group support.

Rubber shares have been on the quiet side during the week and closed with a firm undertone. Business was transacted in Allenbys at around \$1.50. Brogas at \$1.05, Mentakabs at 40 cents, New Scudais from \$1.62 to \$1.72, Pajamas around \$1.60 and Ulu Beaus from 43 to 45 cents.

A fair amount of business has been done in tin shares, those changing hands including Hitams at 57 1/2 cents, Kuchais from \$1.27 to \$1.29, Hong Fatts at 52 1/2 cents, Sungei Ways at 83, Kuala Lumpur Tins at varying prices from 30s. to 29 1/2, Batu Caves at \$1.37, Ayer Hitam Tins at 8/8, Sungei Luas at 4 and 4 1/2 cents premium, Teja Malayas at 8 1/2, Ulu Klang from \$1.22 to \$1.20 and Pungahs at 24 1/2.

Industrials have been quiet but steady. Collieries changed hands at \$4.50. Malacca Electrics continue to be enquired for \$2.07 1/2. Straits Traders are wanted at \$30.40. Fraser and Neaves are easier at \$17.75.

Loans can all be placed at quotations.

QUAKER GIRL'S ROMANCE.

DISOWNED BY FAMILY.

How a Quaker girl defied persecution and fought the opposition of her family in order to marry the man she loved, is recalled by the funeral at Clarendon, Derbyshire, of Mr. John Henry Hirst, 90, who was closely associated with the Primitive Methodist movement.

Mr. Hirst's mother was a member of a Darlington Quaker family. When it was discovered that she was habitually attending the Primitive Methodist chapel she was subjected to much persecution, which became intensified when she declared her love for the young preacher, John Hirst. For six weeks she was imprisoned in her own home.

She then escaped through the cellar gate and travelled by state coach to York, and then to Leeds, where she and Hirst were married. She was expelled from the Society of Friends for marrying outside the Society, and disowned by her family. She became the first woman preacher in the Primitive Methodist body.

The late Mr. Hirst's father, the Rev. John Hirst, was accepted for the Primitive Methodist Ministry in 1828. Mr. Hirst's son is now the Connexional Foreign Mission secretary.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

May 13, 1929	
H.K. Bank	\$1,215 buy, 1,221 sa.
London	2131 nom.
Chartered Bank	2131 nom.
Moravian Bank, A. & B.	233 nom.
P. & O. Bank	231 nom.
East Asia Bank	204 nom.
Oversea Assurance	1896 buy.
Union Assurance	1370 nom.
North China Ins.	1160 buy.
Yangtze Assurance	1150 nom.
China Underwriters	2220 buy, 230 sel.
China Fire Insurance	1300 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins.	1775 nom.
Doyle's	131 sel.
H.K. Steamboats	228 sel.
H.K. Tugs	49 buy, 46 sel.
Indo-China (Prof.)	145 buy.
Do (Def.)	170 nom.
Shell Transport	177 nom.
Union Waterboats	122 nom.
Bengals	121 buy.
Kailash Mining Admin.	84 buy.
Langkai (combined)	114 nom.
Do (single)	114 nom.
S'hai Exploitations	114 sel.
Shanghai Loans	114 sel.
Do (new)	114 sel.
Do (old)	114 sel.
Tonghai Mines	176 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	1121 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	136 sel.
China Provident	44 buy, 440 sel.
Hongkong	118 nom.
New Bagineries	118 buy.
Shanghai Docks	118 buy, 119 sa.
Evo Cottons	118 buy.
Original Cottons	118 buy, 110 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old)	118 nom.
Do (new)	118 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	330 buy, 335 sa.
H.K. Lands	332 buy.
Shanghai Lands	114 nom.
Hampshire Estates	114 nom.
H.K. Realities	114 nom.
H.K. Airways	114 sel.
Peak Tans (old)	114 buy.
Do (new)	114 buy.
Star Furnes	114 buy.
China Light, Cam. (114/70 buy, Rights)	125 sel.
Do, Rights	113 nom.
H.K. Electric	571 buy, 58 sel. & sa.
Malacca Electric	114 nom.
Banahan Lights	114 sel.
Telephones	114 buy.
China Steam	114 buy.
Singapore Traction	114 buy.
Do (Fr.)	114 buy.
China Sugars	80 cts. nom.
Malacca Sugars	82 buy.
Canton Ice	114 buy.
Cement (combined)	114 buy, 114 sa.
Do (old)	114 sel.
Do (new)	114 nom.
H.K. United	114 buy.
United Assurance	114 buy.
Dairy Farms	114 buy.
Watson	114 nom.
Der A Wings	114 buy.
Lease Crawford	114 sel.
Mackintosh	114 buy.
Sincere	114 buy.
W. P. Fovells	114 nom.
H.K. Amusements	114 nom.
H.K. Constructions	114 sel.
H.K. Land & B. Bonds	114 sel.
H.K. Govt. Loans	114 prem. buy.
buy, buyers; sel., sellers; sa., sales nom., nominal	

"POUR OUT THE DINNER."

WINE AS A "PERFECT FOOD."

[British United Press.]

Wine is the only practically perfect food, according to a report of two French savants. The authors of the report are Professor D. Loquet, of the faculty of medicine of the University of Paris, and Lucien Alquier, secretary-general of the Societe Scientifique d'Hygiene Alimentaire.

Wine, according to the report which represents the labour of several years, is one of the most generally valuable substances known to man. It aids digestion in a variety of ways and has a great therapeutic efficacy.

Wine increases peptic activity from ten to twenty per cent., and pancreatic approximately ten per cent. It has a definite antiseptic value acting energetically upon the microbes which flourish in the intestines. It is diuretic because the sugar and potash it contains facilitates the dissolution of urates and the expulsion of concretions.

It aids nutrition by acting on the liver with its sulphur, phosphorus, magnesium and iron. It contains several vitamins and is radioactive, properties which are of unusual interest to biologist and physicians.

"The action of wine upon the gastric juices is rapid and powerful, and constitutes a first line defence against the possible local or general toxicity of food that has been taken into the system. It increases the gastric secretions, accelerates digestion, excites the liver by increasing the secretions of bile.

The report, which despite its technical language, gives wine a catalogue of virtues rivaling most patent medicines concludes as follows:—

"Wine can and should be recommended: in hyposthenic dyspepsia; infections, inasmuch as wine increases the organism's power of resistance; anemia and uremia."

Thomas Hunter, farmer, of Bedford, Northumberland, was ordered to pay a fine of £5 and costs at Bedford for not notifying the police that a beast was suffering from anthrax. It was stated that the defendant had sent the beast to kennel for dogs' meat.

TIGHT-ROPE DANCER KILLED.

FAIR GROUND TRAGEDY.

SUPPOSED SUDDEN ILLNESS.

While hundreds of spectators looked on, Theodore Gappa, aged sixty, of Herne Hill, was killed while giving a tight-rope performance at a fair in Smart's Meadow, Southall. Apparently taken ill while performing 50 feet in the air the man crashed to the ground and received injuries which proved fatal soon afterwards.

Gappa, who was billed as "Dare-Devil Orion," had been in ill-health lately, but insisted on performing his act as the proceeds of the fair were to be given to assisting the family of an elderly and almost blind man and his devoted grandchild, who were killed by a motor-lorry near the fair ground a few days previously. The rope on which he performed his feats spanned part of a field at Hay's Bridge. About 1,000 people thronged the fair ground when Gappa began his turn.

Audience Applaud.

Suddenly the performer was seen to slip and hang, head downwards, from the rope. The audience, thinking it was a trick, applauded. Gappa, however, remained suspended for some time until it was realised that something amiss had occurred.

Scared people raised cries of "Get at him quick." "Get something to catch him in." Some attendants seized a sheet of tarpaulin and dragged it to beneath where Gappa was hanging. While the sheet was held out people shouted to the wire-walker to let go, but he continued to hang with his feet crossed and his arms stretched out.

Attendants then loosened the guy ropes and immediately Gappa fell through the tarpaulin sheet and struck the ground. He was rushed to King Edward Hospital, Ealing, where he died shortly after admission from a fractured spine and severe injuries to his shoulder. When the crowd realised what had happened there was almost a panic. Many women fainted. Gappa had been giving public performances for about 40 years. One of his daughters was killed four years ago while walking a tight-rope.

PRIEST CHARGES PRIEST.

SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

Formerly a chaplain at Cambridge University, but now a Roman Catholic priest living in Oxford, Father John Ludlow Lopes made extraordinary allegations against a fellow-priest at his examination in bankruptcy at Oxford. He declared that he was placed in his present position entirely by the action, based on untruthful representation and on the extortionate demands of a priest of the Roman Catholic Church who he believed once was a friend. Father Lopes mentioned the fellow-priest referred to by name.

In reply to the Official Receiver, Mr. George Mallam, Father Lopes alleged that he had let the priest he mentioned have a quantity of valuable Church plate, which he intended merely as security on a loan, but which the latter claimed as a gift. He added that the action of his trustees in withholding money was caused by the action of this priest.

Debtor's solicitor had warned everyone that an arrangement which had been made to set aside part of his income to pay the creditors would cease if proceedings were taken. His fellow-priest delivered execution on him, which was withdrawn by the order of the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

FOILED BY A GIRL.

POST-OFFICE RAIDERS SCARED OFF.

Refusing to be intimidated by three motor-bandits who tried to hold her up at the point of a revolver, Miss Eve Bursling, daughter of the postmaster at East Clendon, between Guildford and Leatherhead, courageously defended the till, and her cool conduct ultimately put the robbers to flight.

The men had evidently been watching the post-office, and were pretending to mend their car some little distance down the road. One of them came into the shop for a packet of cigarettes and then rejoined his confederates.

About an hour later two of the men entered and asked for cigarettes, and when Miss Bursling went to the till for change one of them pointed a revolver at her, and exclaimed, "Put them up." At the same time the other man guarded the doorway.

Miss Bursling caught hold of the till with both hands, and, warding off her assailant with her elbows, shouted, "Dad, quick!"

At once the men took to their heels, jumped in the motor-car, which was then at the door, and disappeared. They were so scared that they left their change behind on the counter. The three men were young, and Miss Bursling was able to give a good description of them to the police.

IMPLICATED IN SPITE.

DRAMATIC CONFESSION CLEARS INNOCENT MAN.

Dramatic admission that a statement which incriminated an innocent man was untrue and had been made under the inspiration of animosity, was forthcoming at Cardiff, where Frank T. Hoskins, 33, was accused of stealing rings valued at £700 in a traveller's case, twelve months ago.

It was related by Mr. George Williams, who prosecuted, that on May 30 last Mr. Frank Edward James, a commercial traveller, employed by diamond merchants, deposited his case in the cloakroom at Cardiff Station. Mr. James placed the ticket in his wallet pocket, but the next day his wallet was stolen from him at Cardiff races.

Hoskins and a man named Fred Harris were seen at the races together, and it was alleged that after the races they went to Cardiff Station, and Hoskins handed Harris the missing cloakroom ticket. Harris, after withdrawing the case from the cloakroom, it was alleged, gave the bag to Hoskins, and when the rings had been extracted the empty case was placed under the seat in a train, where it was found.

Det.-Insp. Hodges declared he had taken a statement from a man named Harris, who asserted that Hoskins asked him to obtain the case from the cloakroom.

Harris was warned by the clerk when he went into the witness-box. "All I know is that Hoskins is innocent," he stated. "When I made the statement to the police I had a grudge against him."

Harris added that the statements he made to the police were all lies. Pressed as to why he implicated Hoskins, Harris reiterated that he did it in spite, because Hoskins owed him £2.

Hoskins was discharged by the magistrates.

BODY ARRIVES TOO LATE.

SINGULAR CAUSE OF INQUEST POSTPONEMENT.

Owing to the absence of a body an inquest at Bournemouth the other day had to be adjourned. The jury had been summoned, and, after waiting 20 minutes, they were dismissed. The body arrived ten minutes after they had gone.

It transpired that insufficient notice had been given for the removal of the body from the hospital to the mortuary. The inquest concerned the death of William Charles Jeff, of Stourbank-road, Christchurch, who was fatally injured in a cycling accident.

An Italian has been arrested at Naples on a charge of stealing jewelry to the value of £10,000 from a member of the Argentine Embassy in Rome, in whose employment he was. All the jewelry has been recovered.

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MURDER FOR A "THRILL"!

TRAGEDY IN RUSSIAN GIRL'S SCHOOL.

TRIO OF "AVENGERS."

[British United Press.]

Moscow.—A pretty and precocious, clever, girl of 16, Zoe Pavlova, who murdered her best friend for the "thrill" of it, was the protagonist of a strange tragedy of twisted emotion played out to a tragic finish in a Leningrad high school.

The gruesome story was spread on record at a trial at the conclusion of which Zoe was sentenced to ten years imprisonment and her accomplice, Zinaida Yvanova, to three years. In view of their youthfulness and their apparently sincere repentance, the court reduced these terms to five and two years respectively.

"My life was gray and tedious," Zoe explained at the trial in recounting the origin of the crime. "I thirsted for strong experiences, for deep emotions."

Oath Written in Blood.

She decided to draw Anna Zukova into her schemes for making life more stimulating. Together they induced a boy one year their senior, George Lensky, to join their trio of "Avengers." They took a formal oath which all three signed with their own blood. They agreed to commit at least one murder within a month.

A boy by the name of Smirnov was picked as the first victim. He was lured to a school room and was elaborately flattered and made a little drunk. Then Zoe brought in the axe with which he was to be decapitated.

Plans Go Astray.

At this point Anna and George quit the game. Zoe was furious. In that moment of frustration Zoe decided that Anna must pay with her own life for such cowardice and treachery. Perhaps, too, jealousy on account of this power of Anna over George entered into her feelings, though she denied it at the trial.

In search of an accomplice, Anna discovered Zinaida, a class-mate whose face was disfigured by an accident as a child. Zinaida was flattered by the sudden attentions of the brilliant Zoe and became passionately attached to her.

Skilfully, week after week, Zoe stirred her new friend into a fury of jealousy and hatred against her old friend. The ugly disfigured Zinaida began to look upon pretty and vivacious Anna as a kind of symbol of all her own misery. She was fit lieutenant to Zoe when the fatal evening arrived.

Beat In Her Skull.

Zoe's parents were away, and the three girls gathered to chat. Eventually a quarrel developed between Anna and Zinaida. This was the signal for a combined attack on Anna. They beat her skull in with a marble candlestick, and tried to finish her by stabbing in the throat with a pair of scissors. When this did not suffice, they used a pressing iron. It took an hour for them to kill her.

"When it was over," Zoe told the court, "I felt relieved. As if a weight had been lifted from my spirit. My unnatural craving for human blood had been satisfied."

The two girls carried the body to the attic and agreed to meet next day with knives and axes to cut it into tiny bits.

Zinaida confessed to her elder sister, who immediately told the police. The two girls were arrested and with them also George Lensky. Zoe's pleading to the court was:

"The prosecutor said I talked as if I were a third person not involved in the crime. But so it is in truth. The girl who committed the crime is a stranger to me now and I want to prove that I can become a useful member of society."

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"MAN OVERBOARD"!

AND A SEQUEL.

TWO-HOUR SEARCH FOR "MISSING" FIREMAN.

The story of how a ship turned back on her course and searched for two hours for a man "overboard," and how she gave the search up as fruitless and continued her journey to Colombo, where she reported the sad occurrence, only to find the "missing" man peacefully asleep on a hatch cover some time later, was related at Colombo when the s.s. City of Lyons put into port from Ramsgate.

Abdul Hamid, fireman on board, was on watch, did not go below, and was reported missing. A careful search was made till 5.25 a.m. but with no success.

The conclusion arrived at was that the fireman had fallen overboard. The ship was accordingly turned round and she went back in the hope of picking him up. Double look-outs were kept and a life-boat and crew were in readiness, but a search lasting about two hours proved futile.

All hope of recovering the man was given up and the steamer continued her voyage to Colombo. On her arrival the Port Surgeon was informed that the ship's crew was short by one member, a fireman, who had fallen overboard when the City of Lyons was en route to Colombo.

Later in the morning the "K" flag was again hoisted on the City of Lyons while she lay at her moorings, and on the Port Surgeon boarding the vessel for the second time that day he was informed that the missing fireman had been discovered in No. 3 hatch of the ship. The man was found fast asleep.

APRIL'S SUNSHINE.

OFFICIAL RECORDS REVEAL POOR RAINFALL.

Interesting extracts of meteorological observations made at the Royal Observatory during the month of April, are to hand, and show that in all 171.9 hours of sunshine were experienced with the greatest amount being recorded from the 13th to the 18th, i.e., 10.9, 11.3, 11.4, 11.0 respectively.

The highest temperature recorded for a single day was on the 20th, when the thermometer read 88.2, although there was only approximately nine hours of sunshine. The coolest day was on the 13th, when the minimum temperature read 61.5.

The mean temperature recorded for the whole month was 71.5, the average maximum temperature being 78.5, and the minimum 67.8. The total rainfall recorded was 1.540 inches which amount was contributed on only seven days. The most rain was registered toward the last week of the month (23rd to 30th) when 1.225 inches fell. The greatest amount recorded in one day was 0.885 on the 29th, while the least that fell was on the 23rd (0.010).

The following tabulated form shows the amount of rain as recorded in various parts of the Colony:

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Botanical Gardens	1.22 in. for 8 days.
Maitland Hospital	1.05 in. for 8 days.
Royal H.K. Golf Club	1.63 in. on 11 days.
Taipei Police Station	0.97 in. on 7 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29.736 ins. on the 30th.

The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 45 miles per hour on the 30th.

AN INSANE "KING."

RECOVERS HIS SANITY.

[British United Press.]

Manila, P.I.—Florencio Natividad soon will be free to attempt the conquest of the world, if he so desires. Florencio is remembered as the "emperor" who two years ago proclaimed himself as "King of Iloilo." For a time he was no mean figure in the Visayan Islands as misguided followers from even remote sections flocked to his "palace" and joined his "army."

Flor's downfall was swift. He was seized by members of the Philippines constabulary and brought to Manila where he was adjudged insane. Since May 19, 1927, he has been an inmate of the San Lazaro for the insane here.

Charges Awaiting Him.

Now, after two years, the "emperor" has been declared sane. He still is an inmate of San Lazaro but will be freed as soon as a judicial order for his release is received at the asylum.

Flor now is 57 years of age. He is silent as to whether, upon release from the hospital, he will again attempt to cut a swash-buckling path as "Flor Intrincherado" as he was known as the ruler of Iloilo.

There are obstacles to Flor's possible future activities. In Iloilo a number of charges, ranging from estais to sedition, await him. These may cramp any ambition he may still have to again attempt to rule the Visayan provinces.

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ALLEGED MURDER BY TWO BOYS.

AN OLD WOMAN'S DEATH.

Two boys, aged 14 and 16, are alleged to have confessed to the brutal murder of an old woman in her bed at Vaucresson, near Paris. Le Guel or Le Guen, a grocer's delivery boy, aged 14, and Hélie, chausseur at a restaurant in Rouen, were arrested for vagabondage, and subsequent evidence led to their being suspected of this crime. Hélie is alleged to have made a statement, which was more or less substantiated by his friend.

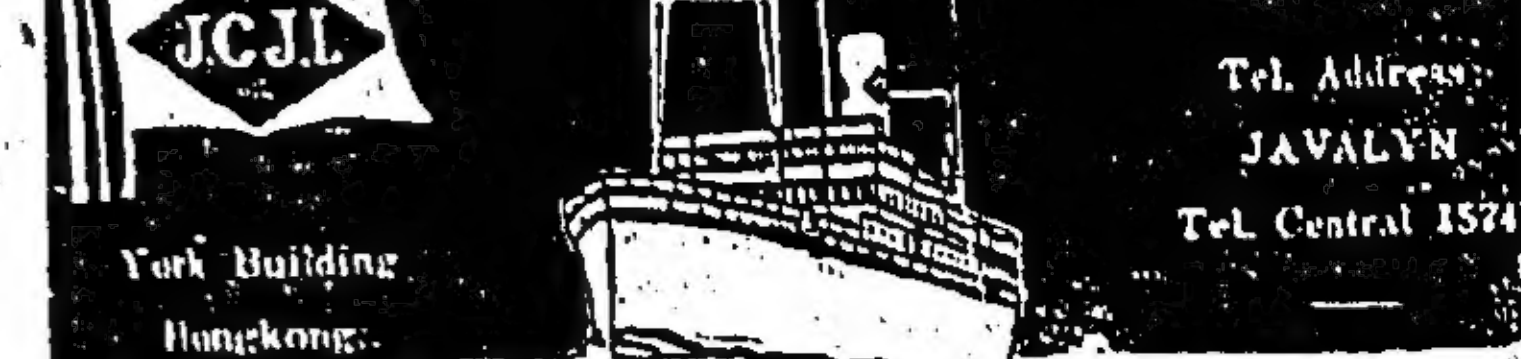
Used Iron Bar.

The two boys had become friendly in Paris shortly before Easter, and soon spent what little money they had saved from their last jobs. When the question of procuring further funds arose, Le Guel said that he had often delivered groceries at the villa of Mme. Barry, who was reputed to keep large sums of money in the house, and that he knew how they could break in and steal it.

According to the reported statements of the boys, they went to Vaucresson and entered the house by the kitchen window. They found Mme. Barry asleep, and Hélie struck her several times on the head with an iron bar which he had picked up in the garden. While they were searching the room for money Mme. Barry began to shout for help, whereupon one of them battered in her skull and then both left the house. They had found only 10f., with which they returned to Paris.

Both deny that the murder was premeditated. The crime was reconstructed in the presence of the boys, while an angry crowd which had collected outside the villa had to be kept back by the police.

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Van Heuts, J.C.J.L., May 23.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Main, Melchers, June 18.

BOMBAY.

Morea, P. & O., May 23.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.

BOSTON.

Prs. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Comibank, Bank, May 27.
Asuku Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Belton Castle, Dodwell's, May 30.
Prs. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Nelus, B.F., June 5.
Imperial Prince, Furness, June 8.
City of Mobile, Bank, June 14.

BREMEN.

Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Main, Melchers, June 18.
Trier, Melchers, June 23.

BRINDISI.

Rosandra, Dodwell's, May 29.
Remolo, Dodwell's, June 7.

CALCUTTA.

Nagano Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 17.
Kwangchow, Jardine's, May 23.
Talamba, B.I., May 25.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tama, B.I., June 12.

CEBU.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

CHERPOO.

Yaping, B. & S., May 18.
Huichow, B. & S., May 23.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 31.

COLOMBO.

Hector, B.F., May 15.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Prs. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., May 21.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Morea, P. & O., May 23.
Rosandra, D'Artagnan, May 23.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Glenberg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Prs. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 8.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
Main, Melchers, June 18.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

DALNY.

Sauerland, J.C.J.L., May 18.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
Yingchow, B. & S., May 19.
Lahore, P. & O., May 23.
Sarpedon, B. & S., May 31.
Trier, Melchers, June 5.

DUTCH PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Hector, B.F., May 15.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 18.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Oldenburg, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., May 29.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
City of Glasgow, Bank, June 10.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., June 10.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Main, Melchers, June 18.

FOOCHOW.

Haining, Douglas, May 17.
Haining, Douglas, May 21.

GENOA.

Prs. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Prs. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Trier, Melchers, June 23.

GLASGOW.

Hector, B.F., May 15.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.

GOTHENBURG.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Tonkin, M.M., May 21.
Kwangchow, B. & S., May 22.
Linan, B. & S., May 23.

HAMBURG.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 18.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 21.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., May 29.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 5.
City of Glasgow, Bank, June 10.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.
Main, Melchers, June 18.

HAWAII.

Afrika, Manners, May 17.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.
Malaya, Manners, June 12.

HONOLULU.

Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 21.
Prs. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Prs. Grant, Dollar, June 4.

ILOILO.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

JAPAN PORTS.

Gleniffer, Jardine's, May 14.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.
Prs. Taft, Dollar, May 15.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 15.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Canton, Gilman's, May 19.
Flume, Dodwell's, May 19.
Medon, B.F., May 19.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Angers, M.M., May 21.
Prs. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Tilawa, B.I., May 22.
Gurna, P. & O., May 23.
Siam, Manners, May 23.
Tydeus, B.F., May 23.
Venezia, Dodwell's, May 23.
Yuenang, Jardine's, May 23.
Durban Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., May 24.
Medon, B.F., May 24.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., May 27.
Antiochus, B.F., May 28.
Asuku Maru, N.Y.K., May 28.
Prs. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 28.
Oldenburg, J.C.J.L., May 29.
Quarrington Court, Jar., May 29.
Vogland, J.C.J.L., May 29.
Morea, P. & O., May 29.
Rosandra, D'Artagnan, May 29.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Glenberg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Prs. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 8.
Aeneas, B.F., June 11.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., June 11.
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Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

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Huichow, B. & S., May 23.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 31.

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MANILA.

Taipei, B. & S., May 14.
Tijikini, J.C.J.L., May 15.
Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Prs. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Prs. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 21.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Tijikini, J.C.J.L., May 22.
Prs. Grant, Dollar, May 23.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 25.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., May 25.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., June 1.
Prs. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Tsooma, States S.S., June 3.
Prs. Lincoln, Dollar, June 4.
Nelus, B.F., June 5.
Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., June 5.
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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 14th May	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 16th May	8 a.m.
SWATOW, W. Wai, CHEUNG, TIENTSIN	"KUBICHOV"	On 16th May	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"MINGHAI"	On 19th May	8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KINGYUAN"	On 19th May	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 19th May	Noon
SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALY	"YINGCHOW"	On 19th May	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st May	5 p.m.
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 22nd May	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 23rd May	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"LINAN"	On 23rd May	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEUNG & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 23rd May	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 26th May	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 26th May	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 26th May	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALY	"LUCHOW"	On 26th May	3 p.m.

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STATION	MAY 12, 1929.										MAY 13, 1929.									
	Barometer at Sea Level					Thermometer					Barometer at Sea Level					Thermometer				
	Inches	Milli.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Milli.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Milli.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind	Inches	Milli.	Temp.	Humidity	Wind
Wladivostok	30.12	780.0	45	...	SSE	1	0	6	...	...	30.09	764.3	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	30.10	767.0	...	...	SE	1	...	5	...	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	SSW	...	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	30.12	768.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokyo	30.06	763.5	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	N	...	...	...	...	...
Kobe	30.02	763.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	30.00	762.0	...	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	30.00	761.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	NW	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	29.92	760.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	...	29.80	757.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	29.75	756.5	...	...	SSE	4	...	...	...	...	29.73	755.0	...	...	WSW	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	29.73	756.5	...	...	WSW	2	...	...	...	...	29.73	755.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	29.96	761.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...	29.90	759.5	...	...	SE	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	29.83	757.7	70	70	ENE	2	0	6	...	...	29.90	756.4	52	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	29.87	758.7	63	96	ESE	4	...	...	...	...	29.97	761.1	61	93	ENE	...	...	...	...	...
Gutzlaff	29.92	759.9	60	100	ESE	6	0	...	...	...	29.98	761.5	58	94	ENE	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	29.68	753.9	77	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.77	756.1	74	90	NNE	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	29.73	754.9	60	79	S	4	0	6	...	...	29.74	755.4	77	95	ENE	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	29.81	757.2	80	91	S	2	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.7	...	96	SSW	...	...	...	...	...
Taiheku	29.78	756.3	84	74	N	2	...	...	...	...	29.75	755.7	70	98	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taichu	29.84	757.8	80	...	WSW	2	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	72	...	SE	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	29.84	757.8	90	...	SW	4	...	...	...	...	29.76	755.0	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	29.84	757.8	86	...	WNW	2	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	77	...	NW	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	29.84	757.8	82	...	SW	4	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	75	...	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	29.77	755.1	85	71	SSW	3	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	80	87	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	29.79	756.6	...	...	S	3	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	...	...	SSW	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	29.74	755.4	86	75	SW	4	...	...	...	...	29.74	755.4	79	92	WSW	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	29.71	754.6	86	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	29.77	756.1	80	93	SSW	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	29.83	757.7	87	69	SSW	2	...	...	...	...	29.71	754.5	79	92	ESE	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	29.68	753.9	86	81	SSE	4	0	7	...	...	29.76	756.0	84	...	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	29.76	756.0	90	...	SE	6	...	...	...	...	29.76	756.0	84	...	SW	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.81	757.2	93	...	S	2	...	...	...	...	29.85	758.1	81	...	WSW	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	29.76	756.0	86	71	WSW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	29.75	755.7	90	60	N	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.72	754.8	97	42	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.76	756.0	93	46	W	2	0	...	...	...	29.80	758.9	79	84	E	1	b	...	...	...
Legaspi	29.78	756.3	90	57	NE	2	0	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	75	96	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.78	756.3	86	71	SW	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	29.78	756.3	84	77	S	2	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hilo	29.75	755.7	86	61	E	4	0	...	...	...	29.81	757.2	77	91	NE	1	0	...	...	...
Cebu	29.79	756.6	81	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	29.78	756.3	84	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	66	...	ENE	2	0	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.80	756.9	...	NE	2	0	4.23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.82	757.5	...	ESE	1	0	5	...	...	29.85	758.1	...	...	E	3	0	...	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	757.9	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	79	...	SE	2	0	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	84	87	SW	2	b	...	...	29.83	757.7	78	86	SW	2	b	...	...	...

May 13d. 11h. 06m.—The anticyclone remains to the north-east of Japan. A trough of low pressure extends from Indo-China to the Ladrones, with depressions over Tonking and the Loochoos.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 8.77 inches, against an average of 15.39 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 14th.

District	Forecast
1.—Formosa Channel	...
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoocks	S.W. or variable winds; moderate; cloudy, showery.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	...
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	...

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 14 to 20, 1929.

High Water		Low Water		Height.
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	
Tues.	14	h. m. 2 14	h. m. 5 12	3.8
Wed.	15	h. m. 0 19	h. m. 8 31	0.8
Thurs.	16	No info. high	low 10 6	1.0
Fri.	17	h. m. 5 54	h. m. 10 26	4.3
Sat.	18	h. m. 4 53	h. m. 9 2	1.4
Sun.	19	h. m. 7 21	h. m. 0 42	1.7
Mon.	20	h. m. 7 43	h. m. 1 16	2.0

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 9,100 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO.
23,600 TONS.

The general cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday, as carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:

Cargo	H.K.	Through
British		
Suisang	Canton 1,026	1,349
Hanyang	Saigon 2,020	—
Lyonon	Liverpool 989	4,332
Emp. of Asia	Vancouver 114	106
Soochow	Canton —	300
Kiukiang	Canton —	40
Hong Peng	Rangoon 150	1,500
Haiching	Foochow 450	—
French		
Francis	Haiphong —	7,717
German		
Sauerland	Hamburg 1,438	6,878
Japanese		
Kashima Maru	Middlebrook 776	8,398
Meikai Maru	Dairen 2,000	2,300
Chinese		
Hsin Foo Sing	Tientsin 176	1,550
Tak Hing	Autow —	—
Arrivals		
British	184	1,550
Japanese	—	—
French	—	—
German	—	—
Total	1,438	26,843

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

Arr.	Dep.
British	8
Japanese	2
Norwegian	0
French	1
Chinese	2
German	1
Total	14

PLAGUE-INFECTED RATS IN SHIP.

DOCK HANDS STRIKE FOR SPECIAL PAY.

Dock labourers employed at Hull in discharging a cargo of maize from the Italian steamer Tirreno, in which plague-infected rats have been discovered, have made a claim for higher rates of pay. When the request was refused they ceased work. The ship is lying in the middle of King George Dock, and the maize is being discharged into lighters alongside.

The men base their demands on the risk involved. The ordinary day rates are from 12s. to 12s. 8d. They are asking for 14s. an hour. The agents offered "time and a half" rates, which were refused, and the men did not resume work afterwards. Forty-two dead rats have been found in the ship since its fumigation, but only four in all have been found to be plague-infected. Most of the rats were too far decomposed to permit of definite diagnosis.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

The mistress of a water boat committed a breach of the conditions of her license by obtaining water from a place other than that specified in her license.

She pleaded guilty and as an excuse said "that she could not get any water from the authorised 'watering places.' A fine of 8s or 5 days was imposed.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:

Suisang (Br.) C'utta, S'pore	183
Lyonon (Br.) L'pool, S'pore	5
Emp. of Asia (Br.) Vancou-	408
ver, Manila	—
Soochow (Br.) Canton	60
Hong Peng (Br.) Rangoon	149
Haiching (British) Foochow	—
Swatow	373
Tak Hing (Ch.) Autow	62
Total	1,260

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived Hong Kong yesterday per s.s. President Taft:—Mr. C. E. Anthony, Mr. Jose Ledesma, Mrs. John Leonard, Miss Irene Peterson, Mr. Jose Urquico, Capt. R. J. Southern, Miss Yew Hong Liang.

The following passengers arrived Hong Kong on May 13 by the s.s. Emp. of Asia:—Mr. L. De la Cruz, Mr. R. J. Reyes, Mr. Sena Hong Yin, Mr. Yu Tung Yee, Mr. Kim An Sian, Mr. Yu Ah Kat, Miss Yu Be Chu, Master Yu Koh Tong, Master Yu Koh To, Master Yu Koh Tai, Miss Yu Hing Go, Miss Yu Bee Yung, Mr. Yang Pao Wang, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baltazar, Miss M. Baltazar, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Siang Lim, Mr. J. B. Emmert, Mr. E. I. Abad, Mrs. C. F. Mayers, Mrs. M. Pihnam.

Passengers passing through Hong Kong:—Mr. A. F. Oliveros, Mrs. N. Squire, Mr. F. M. Malovianker, Mr. A. Gewitich, Mr. H. H. Kelly, Mr. L. M. Wilkinson, Mr. Q. Armstrong, Miss E. Armstrong, Mr. J. D. Ramnani, Mr. N. Jothmal, Mr. J. Ramnani, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gohereff, Miss K. M. Cobereff, Miss M. C. Tilbury, Mr. J. Weil, Mr. H. L. A. Van Kretschmar Van Yeen, Mrs. Van Kretschmar Van Yeen, Master C. Van Kretschmar Van Yeen, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. King, Dr. A. G. Beebe, Rev. A. Patrick, Mrs. W. S. Fallis.

MOTH PLANE DAMAGED.

LANDING IN SCRUB.

A message from Warlock, Australia, states that the Moth aeroplane in which Captain Murray and his wife were travelling south has been badly damaged following a forced landing. Captain and Mrs. Murray, who were on a pleasure trip from Singapore to Melbourne, had brought their Moth with them, and it was landed at Darwin, fully assembled, from the steamer Malabar.

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ARRIVALS.

May 12.

Francis Garnier, French str. 813 tons, Capt. Jean Pothin, from Swatow, buoy No. C33.—K. Larsen & Co.

May 13.

Athelmere, British str. 3,600 tons, Capt. F. A. C. Heslop, from Manila, New Jetty.—Pure Cane Molasses & Co.

Ekstrand, Norwegian str. 1,243 tons, Capt. H. C. Erickson, from Tg. Redeb, Stonecutters.—J.C.J.L.

Emp. of Asia, British str. 10,009 tons, Capt. A. J. Hailley, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.

Gleniffer, British str. 6,021 tons, Capt. W. H. Baker, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Hermes, Dutch str. 2,313 tons, Capt. B. Tigmann, from Sambor, North Point.—A.P.C.

Hong Peng, British str. 2,323 tons, Capt. C. Cowan, from Singapore, buoy No. A26.—Ho Thong.

Kiukiang, British str. 1,223 tons, Capt. W. G. McKenzie, from Canton, buoy No. C15.—B. & S.

Kwai Sang, British str. 3,618 tons, Capt. Alexandre, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Lyonon, British str. 4,314 tons, Capt. J. R. Scott, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—B. & S.

Meikai Maru, Japanese str. 1,094 tons, Capt. S. Sugiyama, from Dairen, Yaumati.—M.B.K.

Pres. Taft, American str. 8,413 tons, Capt. A. K. Ahlin, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Soochow, British str. 1,394 tons, Capt. C. Mather, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Tonjeir, Norwegian str. 1,948 tons, Capt. E. Stormer, from Chongwangto, buoy No. A55.—Doddwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

May 13.

Antung, for Singapore.

Ekstrand, for Shanghai.

Francis Garnier, for Haiphong.

Gleniffer, for Shanghai.

Hong Peng, for Swatow.

Hsin Foo Sing, for Whampoa.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Kashima Maru, for Shanghai.

Kiukiang, for Shanghai.

Kueichow, for Canton.

Kwai Sang, for Canton.

Lyonon, for Shanghai.

Pres. Taft, for Shanghai.

Salem, for Kowloon.

Suisang, for Amoy.

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"DELTA"	5,097	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull
"JETPORE"	5,318	15th June	Marsa, London, A'werp, R'Am, H'bug
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	22nd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"PERIM"	7,848	29th June	Marsa, London, A'werp, R'Am, H'bug
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	13th July	Straits, Colombo and Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,373	20th July	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KHEIYA"	9,135	27th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	3rd Aug.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KHEIYA"	9,114	10th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	9,885	24th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull
"MOREA"	10,958	31st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MANTUA"	10,948	8th Oct.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	15th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"ALIPORE"	5,373	22nd Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	9,123	29th Oct.	Marseilles and London
"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	5th Nov.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,144	12th Nov.	Marseilles and London
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	19th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	26th Nov.	Marseilles and London

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"TALMA"	10,000	12th June	do.
"SANTHA"	7,754	4th July	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	12th July	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ABAFURA"	6,000	22nd Aug.	Sydney and Melbourne.
"TANDA"	6,956	30th Aug.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Oct.	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"ROSSINGTON"	—	21st May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"GUEN"	5,248	23rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"ABAFURA"	7,754	12th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TILSINGTON"	—	21st June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	10th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"ALIPORE"	5,373	9th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"MANTUA"	10,948	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KIDDERPORE"	5,324	23rd Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	30th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"ABAFURA"	6,000	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	13th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	9,005	20th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,956	27th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"RAWALPINDI"	16,618	3rd Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama

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